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TO THE MEMBERS

OF THE

ROYAL CRAFT,

THE FRATERNITY OF CAPITULAR MASONS IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

THE WORK CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES IS MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED, WITH FRATERNAL REGARD,

BY THE GRAND SECRETARY.

COMMENDATORY.

From the address of Grand H. P. J. H. Barlow, at the May session, A. D. 1870:

From our efficient Grand Secretary I learn that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization up to 1855, have never been printed, and are only recorded in manuscript in the office of the Grand Secretary. We are one of the oldest Grand Chapters in the United States, and it is important that its early records should be carefully preserved. The situation in which these are now, not only renders them inaccessible to a large portion of the Royal Craft, but are liable to be lost or destroyed by accident. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have a sufficient number printed for the present and future wants of the Grand Chapter. Those early records, with a short historical sketch of some of its oldest Chapters, would make a volume that I think would be much sought for and should be in the possession of every Chapter in this jurisdiction. I trust this subject will receive that attention at your hands which its importance demands.

From the report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address, May session, A. D. 1870:

That so much of the said address as refers to the past proceedings of this Grand Chapter, be referred to the Grand Secretary, with power.

From the address of Grand High Priest, Charles W. Stearns, May session, A. D. 1872:

My predecessors have often spoken to you of the importance of compiling and publishing the earlier records of this Grand Chapter. I think a committee has been appointed for this purpose, and for collecting such materials as might be available for a historical sketch of Royal Arch Masonry in this State. How far this committee have progressed in this work, I know not. This much is certain: the work cannot be accomplished with the present state of the treasury. I would, therefore, recommend that the fees from the subordinate Chapters be temporarily increased

until a sufficient amount shall have been raised to accomplish this important work.

I need not enlarge upon the importance of this matter; I only urge you to provide the means that the work may be carried forward without further delay, for, as time advances, the difficulties will increase. Our older Companions are passing away, and much valuable information, which may be obtained from them, will be forever lost. Let us procastinate no longer.

Resolution adopted from the report of the special committee, May session, A. D. 1872:

Resolved, That the additional fee of two dollars for each exaltation be required from the subordinate Chapters, until a sufficient sum is accumulated to defray the expenses of printing 1,000 copies of the early records of this Grand Chapter, which are not already in print; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to cause said records to be printed as soon as the requisite amount is obtained.

INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting to the Royal Craft of this State, a reprint of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter, from its organization in 1798, as has been provided by a vote of the Grand Body, a few explanations will be necessary to show why they are not complete before the year 1805. The records show that until the year 1812, no written record was kept, when Companion Levi H. Clark was elected Grand Secretary, and he proceeded to collect such as had been printed or written, which he found on file, and duly transcribed them into our present book of records, with a postscript at the bottom of each, stating its authenticity.

The first record is of the convention held at Hartford on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1798, and as will be seen was copied from a printed one, duly attested, and I can further vouch for its authenticity by one of the original now in my possession. No other record was preserved until the half yearly convocation held at New Haven in October, A. D. 1805, after which they are regularly recorded.

In addition to the record of 1798, I have also received a printed copy of a regular convocation held in Hartford on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1799, which I have caused to be printed in the present volume, the original now being in my possession.

Although the organization of a Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction was delayed until the year 1798, yet there exists conclusive evidence to show that there were half-yearly convocations of the Chapters, to legislate for the good of the craft, the first of which was held in Hartford, July 5th, A. D. 1796. The early records of Washington Chapter, No. 3, Solomon Chapter, No. 5 (now No. 3), and of Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, allude to this convention, before and after it took place, by

emergency requires a special meeting, the High Priest is hereby authorized to call a chapter at a convenient time.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Chapter are a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, Zerubbabel, a Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Architect, a Clothier and a Tyler.

ARTICLE IV.

The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular meeting on the second Friday in the month of May, where they are to be chosen by ballot, except the Architect, Clothier and Secretary, who are to be appointed in the manner following: the Architect by the High Priest, the Clothier by the King, and the Secretary by the Scribe.

ARTICLE V.

The officers above mentioned are to attend to every meeting, either regular or special, precisely at the hour appointed, which is, from the month of September to March, at 6 o'clock P. M., and from March to September, at 7 o'clock P. M. For non-attendance at the hour prescribed, the High Priest, King and Scribe shall each forfeit two shillings, and the other officers one shilling, and every other member six pence, for the benefit of the fund, only prevented by some sufficient reason to be determined by the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI.

The Chapter to be opened precisely one half hour after the time appointed for meeting, and none but members shall be admitted in the room before that time, without permission from the High Priest, and no visiting Brother shall be admitted unless introduced by a member.

ARTICLE VII.

After the Chapter is opened, neither member or visitor shall be admitted, but on giving the signs and pass words to the Grand Masters, and to the Royal Arch Captain.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the High Priest to preside at every meeting, to direct the business, and to give occasionally a lecture; of the King to preside in the absence of the High Priest, and to assist him in his duty; of the Scribe to preside in the absence of both, to cause the Secretary to enter in a fair and regular manner the proceedings of the Chapter, in a book provided for that purpose, to summons the members for attendance at every regular and special meeting, and also to administer the obligation; of Zerubbabel to superintend the arrangements of the Chapter; of the Royal Arch Captain to keep watch at the Sanctuary; of the

three Grand Masters to watch the vails; of the Treasurer to receive the monies, to keep an account thereof, and to pay none but on the warrant of the High Priest, and to render an account at the meeting previous to the annual election; of the Secretary to keep the minutes, under the direction of the Scribe, to receive the fees for admission, and pay the same to the Treasurer; of the Clothier to provide and to take care of the clothing; of the Architect to provide and take care of the furniture.

ARTICLE IX.

The clothing of the Chapter is to remain in the care of the Clothier, and none of the members shall be at liberty to take away such clothing under any pretense whatever.

ARTICLE X.

No candidate can be proposed for admittance but those who have been Masters of the Chair, or elected to that office, or who can prove by a certificate of the Lodge to which they belong that they have been six months Master Masons.

ARTICLE XI.

The candidates to be proposed are to be of generous, honest and industrious principles, who are influenced by the solemnity of our order, and who have given proofs in their former degrees of their attachment to good order, regularity, and the principles of Masonry.

ARTICLE XII.

Candidates for admission, or a Royal Arch Mason who wishes to join this Chapter, are to be proposed at a regular meeting, and to be balloted for at any following meeting, which balloting is to be immediately after the opening of the Chapter, when one dissenting ball shall reject him. Sojourners of a good character are excepted, and can be proposed and balloted for the same night, provided they are well recommended.

ARTICLE XIII.

If any Master Mason, of good report and well recommended, is to leave this country, or this town, in such a manner that it is not possible for him to attend, when the time of six months of his being Master Mason is expired, the tenth article can be dispensed with.

ARTICLE XIV.

The fees of admission to the Royal Arch degree shall be Five Dollars, including all expenses, and a Royal Arch Mason who is anxious to join this Chapter shall pay five shillings, and three shillings to the Tyler.

ARTICLE XV.

The fees are to be paid to the Secretary before the admission.

ARTICLE XVI.

When the Chapter is opened, no liquor of any kind whatever shall be allowed in the room, and should any be previously used by any member it shall be at his own expense.

ARTICLE XVII.

Decorum and regularity are to be strictly observed, every officer and member shall keep their proper station, and not remove therefrom without leave of the Chair.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The foregoing regulations shall be binding until altered or revoked by two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, continued prosperously until the year 1835, which is the date of the last record, when the officers were duly elected, and for several years after was represented at the annual convocations of the Grand Chapter; but eventually was obliged to give up its charter. At the May session in 1870 this Chapter was revived, and a new charter issued, under the name of Hiram Chapter, No. 1, the old charter having been lost, since which time it has continued comparatively prosperous.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 2.

The first charter of Franklin Chapter, No. 2, located at New Haven, was granted by Washington Chapter of New York, and dated May 20th, A. D. 1795. At the formation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, this charter was returned and a new one issued, which has been retained ever since, and the meetings have continued uninterrupted from that time to the present. In regard to its early history, no facts have been presented in reference to it. Suffice it to say that Franklin Chapter, No. 2, has from its organization been the most prosperous of any in the jurisdiction, and can boast of the largest membership of any in the State; and has ever contributed her support to the Grand Chapter, and a full quota of her members have filled important positions of trust and honor in the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 3.

The early history of this Chapter is somewhat peculiar, as its records date back to A. D. 1783, although the first charter was not granted until March 15th, 1796, thirteen years after. It is undoubtedly the first record

of anything pertaining to an organization of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction; and we give it here as we took it from their old records, now carefully preserved, and in the possession of the Chapter at Middletown.

INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND R. A. CHAPTER.

We, the subscribers, members of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, in Middletown, State of Connecticut, having been duly initiated into the Most Sublime degree of an Excellent, Super Excellent and Royal Arch Mason, in regular constituted Royal Arch Chapters, for the purpose of promoting the Royal Craft, assemble ourselves at the Lodge Room, in said Middletown, at Mrs. Abigail Shaler's, after properly examining each other, and finding each and every one of us to have been regularly made, agreed to form ourselves into a Royal Arch Chapter, under sanction of St. John's Lodge.

Witness our hands this 5th day of September, A. D. 1783, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3783.

WILLIAM JOYCE,
WILLIAM REDFIELD,
JOHN LEWIS DEKOVEN,
EDWARD MILLER,
DAVID STARR,
OLIVER LEWIS.

We then duly opened and held the first regular Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and proceeded to make choice of a Scribe, and Brother Edward Miller was chosen.

We then proceeded to elect an High Priest to serve for three months, and the ballots being taken, Brother Oliver Lewis was unanimously chosen. Then proceeded to choice of a Captain General, or R. A. C., for the aforesaid term, the ballots being taken, Brother John Lewis DeKoven was unanimously chosen; then proceeded to choice of three Grand Masters, when Brother William Joyce was elected S. G. M., Brother William Redfield, second G. M., and Brother David Starr, third G. M.

The first meeting after organization under St. John's Lodge, was held September 12th, A. D. 1783, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3783, at the Lodge Room of St. John's Lodge, at Mrs. Abigail Shaler's.

PRESENT,

R. W. Oliver Lewis, H. P.,
R. W. John Lewis DeKoven, Captain General,
William Joyce, Senior G. M.,
William Redfield, Second G. M.,
David Starr, Third G. M.,
Edward Miller, Scribe.

When Brother Jonathan Heart, a very well known vouched for Royal

Arch Mason, was by each of us proposed, and by ballot became a member of this Grand Chapter. A letter from the Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge was read, asking this R. W. Grand Chapter to confer the most sublime degree of M. E. Royal Arch Mason upon him, when he was balloted for and unanimously passed. Next, Ralph Pomroy, Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, by letter proposed himself and was elected.

The first charter of Washington Chapter, No. 3, was granted by Washington Chapter of New York City, and dated March 15th, A. L. 5796. The following is the copy of the original:

At a Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the City of New York, North America, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, A. L. 3796:

Whereas, our Brother, William Redfield, in behalf of himself and sundry other Brothers, residing in Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, did on this day present a Memorial to this Chapter, praying that they might be invested with sufficient power to form and hold a regular Chapter in Middletown aforesaid, and the prayer of the said memorial having been granted,

Now be it known, that by virtue of the power to us regularly committed, we have in ample form constituted these, our beloved Brethren, into a regular Chapter by the name and style of Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 3, held in the city of Middletown, Connecticut, and installed the several officers into their respective stations in the manner we have received it, to wit:

The Most Worshipful Brother William Redfield, H. P., the Right Worshipful Brother Stephen T. Hosmer, K—g, and the Right Worshipful Brother, the Rev'd Abraham Jarvis, S—e, the Worshipful Brother Robert Warner, R. A. C., and the Worshipful Brother Thomas Leverett, Z—l; the last four severally by Proxy.

And our said Brothers, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and concurrence of a majority of the members of the said Washington Chapter, duly to be summoned and present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of said Chapter as often as vacancies happen, in manner and form as is or may be prescribed and directed by the Constitution and General Laws of this, the Mother Chapter; but in no wise to have power to grant any Dispensation to hold any Chapter under them, or to install any other than the officers of the said Washington Chapter to be elected in manner and form aforesaid.

And further, we do hereby enjoin upon the said Washington Chapter, at least once in every year, immediately, or as soon after the election and installment of the several new officers, to communicate to us the state and

condition of the said Chapter, that we may know what Brethren have attained to this exalted degree, and who by their virtue and zeal for the prosperity and welfare of this Order have been promoted to office.

In witness whereof, we, the presiding officers of Washington Chapter aforesaid, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of our said Chapter to be affixed.

JOHN ABRAMS, H. P. W. C. R. A. M.
JNO. LUDLOW, K. W. C. R. A. M.
WM. RICHARDSON, S. W. C. R. A. M.

Attest, ELIAS HICKS, Secretary.

The first meeting after the reception of the charter was held May 4th, A. D. 1796, with the following officers present:

Stephen T. Hosmer, H. P.,
Rev. Abraham Jarvis, K.,
Joseph Webb, S.,
Stephen Clay, Treasurer,
Thomas Leverett, R. A, C.,
William Redfield, Z—l,
Daniel Cotton, First G. M.,
Samuel Canfield, Second G. M.,
Edward Miller, Third G. M.,
Bezaleel Latimer, } Stewards,
William Joyce, }
Samuel Tuelles, } Sentinels.
Ebenezer Griffin, }

At this meeting the following were admitted: Nathan Sage, William Douglas, Robert Warner, Stephen Ranney, Samuel Clark, Aseph Coleman, John McCarter and Wait Goodrich, and the record adds that Brothers John McCarter, of Colchester, Wait Goodrich, of Wethersfield, James Ward, of Hartford, and ——— Lovejoy, of Suffield, were proposed.

It was voted that Stephen Hosmer, Stephen Clay and Thomas Leverett be a committee to meet committees at Hartford.

The second convocation was held August 4th, of the same year, when Brother James Ward was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

A vote was passed at this convocation to write to Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester, in reference to violating jurisdiction.

At the convocation held in May, 1797, a committee was appointed to meet the various committees from the other Royal Arch Chapters in this

State, on the third Thursday in May, to transact the business for which the semi-annual meeting is held.

This Chapter has continued to work by the authority of the charter granted by Washington Chapter of New York ever since; yet fully recognized, and acting as a constituted member of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, contributing its full share of officers to the Grand Chapter, its first King being elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter at its organization in 1798, at which time it took rank, and has since been known as Washington Chapter, No. 6.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 4.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, located at Norwich, was organized on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1796, by a charter granted by Washington Chapter of New York City, to the following petitioners, to wit: Joseph Huntington, Jacob Smith, Luther Spaulding, Consider Sterry, Elisha Tracy and John Warner. The following is a copy of the charter:

FIRST CHARTER.

At a Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held in the city of New York, North America, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, A. D. 1796:

Whereas, our Brother Elisha Tracy, in behalf of himself and sundry other Brethren, now residing at Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, did on this day present a memorial to this Chapter, praying that they might be invested with sufficient power to form and hold a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in Norwich aforesaid, the prayer of said memorial having been granted,

Now be it known, that by virtue of the power to us regularly committed, we have in ample form constituted these, our beloved Brethren, into a regular Chapter by the name and style of Franklin Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 4, held in Norwich in Connecticut, and installed the several officers into their respective stations in the manner we have received it, to wit:

The Right Worshipful Brother Elisha Tracy, H. P., the Most Worshipful Brother Consider Sterry, K—g, the Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Huntington, S—e, the Worshipful John Warner, R. A. C., and the Worshipful Brother Jacob Smith, Z—l; the last four severally by proxy.

And our said beloved Brethren, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and concurrence of a majority of the members of said Franklin Chapter hereby constituted, duly to be summoned and present on such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said Chapter as often as vacancies happen, in manner

and form as is or may be described and directed by the Constitution and general Laws of this, the Mother Chapter; but in no wise to have power to grant any Dispensation or Warrant for the holding of any Chapter, or to install any other than the officers of the said Franklin Chapter, to be elected in manner and form aforesaid.

And further, we do hereby enjoin upon the said Franklin Chapter, at least once in every year, immediately, or as soon as may be after the election and installment of the several officers, to communicate to us the state and condition of the said Chapter, that we may know what Brethren have attained to this exalted degree, and who by their virtue and zeal for the prosperity and welfare of this Order, have been promoted to office.

In witness whereof, we, the presiding officers of the Washington Chapter, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the said Chapter to be affixed.

JOHN ABRAMS, H. P. W. C. R. A. M.
JNO. LUDLOW, K. W. C. R. A. M.
WM. RICHARDSON, S. W. C. R. A. M.

Attest, ELIAS HICKS, Secretary.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, State of Connecticut, Hartford, May 10th, Anno Domini, 1821, this charter was duly surrendered, its authority duly recognized, and a new charter granted.

JOHN MIX, Grand Secretary.

The new charter was granted, Thursday the 10th day of May, A. D. 1821, at a convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held in the city of Hartford, and was signed by Lyman Law, Grand High Priest, Laban Smith, Deputy Grand High Priest, T. H. Cushing, Grand King, E. Godrich, Jr., Grand Scribe, and John Mix, Grand Secretary.

This charter remained in force until the session of the Grand Chapter, May 9th, A. D. 1839, when it was revoked for neglect in complying with the by-laws of the Grand Chapter, requiring subordinate chapters to be represented at the annual convocations. In 1845 the charter was restored, with the following endorsement, since which time it has continued prosperous, and taken rank among the first in the jurisdiction:

I certify that this charter of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, which had been revoked by an edict of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, May 9th, 1839, was restored to the Companions in Norwich, by a vote of said Grand Chapter, at the annual convocation in Hartford, May 15th, 1845.

In witness whereof, I have affixed hereunto the seal of said Grand Chapter, at New Haven, the 26th day of December, 1845.

E. G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

The following is the code of by-laws, adopted February 2d, A. D. 1809:

ARTICLE I. ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Franklin Chapter shall meet annually at their Chamber of Convocation in the city of Norwich, on the second Monday of June, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the choice and installation of officers.

ARTICLE II. SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS.

Special meetings may be convoked by the H. P., and in his absence by either the King or Scribe, according to seniority, whenever he or they may think proper, or deem it expedient, for the purpose of Exaltation and giving the preparatory steps thereof, or any other business interesting to said Chapter. And at said special meetings it shall or may be lawful and proper to propose candidates for the preparatory steps, and R. A. degrees, who may be balloted for, and if accepted, *advanced* at the same meeting.

ARTICLE III. ADMISSION CONDITIONED.

No person shall be exalted to the degree of R. A., or admitted to any of the preparatory steps thereto, except by the *unanimous* vote of the Companions present at the time of taking such ballot. Nor shall any candidate be admitted until the Treasurer shall have declared in open Chapter that he is satisfied of the fees.

ARTICLE IV. FEES.

The fees for the preparatory steps in this Chapter shall be three dollars each, and for the R. A. eleven dollars.

ARTICLE V. NOTIFICATION.

Whenever any special Chapter shall be convoked as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the officer ordering the same to direct the Secretary to summon the Companions by special summons, or by public advertisement, as he shall judge most expedient. But the annual meeting shall be convoked by such advertisement only.

ARTICLE VI. DISBURSEMENT OF MONEY.

No money belonging to this Chapter shall be paid out except by the order of the H. P. or presiding officer present.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP.

Any Companion having taken the aforesaid degrees in this Chapter, may become a member of the same by subscribing the By-Laws thereof. Any Companion who has received the aforesaid degrees in any regular constituted Chapter, may become a member of this Chapter by a vote of two-thirds of the members present in his favor, he subscribing the By-Laws and paying two dollars to the Treasurer for the use of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII. ELIGIBILITY OF THE REJECTED.

Any candidate having been balloted for and rejected, shall not be entitled to a place on the records of the Chapter for a second ballot within twelve months from the time of his having been so rejected, unless the person or persons so rejecting, within said term, request a new ballot for the candidate.

ARTICLE IX. AUDITORSHIP.

The accounts of this Chapter with the Treasurer shall be settled annually by a committee of three, to be chosen by said chapter for that purpose, and a report thereof made to the Chapter.

ARTICLE X. EXPENSES OF REFRESHMENTS.

The expenses of refreshment for this Chapter shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the funds of said Chapter.

ARTICLE XI. NIGHTLY DUES.

Each member attending at any convocation of this Chapter shall pay a nightly due of twenty-five cents for each and every time he shall attend, whenever there shall be a supper provided for the refreshment of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XII. REFRESHMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Whenever the H. P. or presiding officer of this Chapter shall deem it proper, he may order and direct that a supper be furnished for the members of said Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII. NON-MEMBERS.

Any Companion being a member of any other Chapter, cannot, for the time being, be considered as a member of Franklin Chapter, and consequently not entitled to the privilege of membership.

ARTICLE XIV. REFRESHMENTS.

The ordinary refreshment of Franklin Chapter shall consist of brandy, gin and rum, crackers and cheese (if called for by the H. P. or presiding officer), of which all Companions present shall be entitled to, free of expense.

ARTICLE XV. TYLER'S FEE.

The Tyler's fee for tyling the Chapter shall be one dollar for each meeting, and one dollar for distributing the summonses.

ARTICLE XVI. EXPULSION.

Any Companion of this Chapter may be *expelled* the same, on conviction by impeachment, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XVII. PLACE OF REFRESHMENT.

No refreshment may be taken or had in the Preparation Room, unless by special permission from the H. P. or presiding officer, and then to be furnished by the Stewards from the Convocation Room.

ARTICLE XVIII. READING OF BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of Franklin Chapter shall be read by the Secretary before the closing of the Chapter, if requested from the Chair.

SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 5.

The precise date of the organization of Solomon Chapter, No. 5, cannot be ascertained except by relying upon the date of its first charter, which was granted by Washington Chapter of New York, March 15th, A. D. 1796. It seems, however, that it had an existence prior to this time, as the record of its first meeting is under date of December 29th, A. D. 1795, which gives no light in reference to its organization, and seems to be the record of a Chapter which had been previously instituted. The record is as follows:

DERBY, December 29th, 1795.

At a meeting of Solomon Chapter, present:

Most Worshipful Brother Jesse Beach, H. P.,
Right Worshipful Brother John Beers, King,
Worshipful Brother Pier E. Brandin, Scribe *pro tem.*

Joseph Wheeler, Ebenezer Gracy, Abijah Wilkinson, Samuel R. Marshall, Sheldon Curtis, Jonathan Courzon and Dan Tomlinson were proposed by Jesse Beach, to be made Royal Arch Masons. They were balloted for and made accordingly.

Proceeded to the choice of officers as follows:

Brother Samuel R. Marshall, Zerubbabel,
" Sheldon Curtis, Captain,
" Pier E. Brandin, First Grand Master,
" Francis French, Second Grand Master,
" Eben Gracy, Third Grand Master,
" Jonathan Courzon, Secretary,
" Dan Tomlinson, Architect,
" Abijah Wilcoxson, Clothier and Tyler.

Then all the above officers were duly installed, except Brother Edward Blakeslee, Scribe, who was absent. The Chapter duly closed.

On August 30th, 1796, Brothers Jesse Beach, Daniel Hobrook, John Beers, Francis French, Sheldon Curtis, Pier E. Brandin and Edward Blakeslee were appointed a joint committee to attend the Convention in New Haven.

November 29th of the same year just returns were made to Washington R. A. Chapter of New York. May 30th, 1797, the fees were raised to eight dollars for the R. A., to correspond with the action of the Convention held in 1796.

January 15th is the first notice of the Degree of Past Master, or Master in the Chair. The degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master are not mentioned until a later period. March 27th, 1799, a meeting of this Chapter was held at the Lodge House in Waterbury, and several Brethren made Royal Arch Masons. In April, 1808, the Chapter recommended to the Grand Chapter the granting of a dispensation for a Chapter to be held in Woodbury. In June, 1812, the Chapter purchased an organ to be used at their several convocations. May 7th, 1813, the Chapter recommended to the Grand Chapter the establishment of a new Chapter in the town of Stratford, under the title of Jerusalem Chapter, No. —. In the year 1820 Companion Jeremy L. Cross instructed the Companions in the work and lectures. March 16th, 1825, the Chapter recommended to the Grand Chapter the granting of a Charter for a Chapter to be held at Masonic Hall in Oxford.

Through the excitement of "Morgan times," and the persecution by the Anti-Masonic party, Solomon Chapter presented a firm front until the year 1840. Many of the old members being dead, and others removing to the West, the Charter was revoked by the Grand Chapter.

Several of the members having returned to their old homes, the Chapter was re-organized March 30th, 1853, and has been doing a fair amount of work since.

The following is a copy of its first Charter, granted by Washington Chapter of New York:

At a Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the City of New York, North America, on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, A. L. 3796:

Whereas, our Brother, Jesse Beach, in behalf of himself and sundry other Brethren now residing at Derby, in the State of Connecticut, did on this day present a Memorial to this Chapter, praying that they might be invested with sufficient power to form and hold a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Derby aforesaid, and the prayer of the said Memorial having been granted,

Now be it known, that by virtue of the power to us regularly committed, we have in ample form constituted these, our beloved Brethren, into a regular Chapter by the name and style of Solomon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 5, held in the town of Derby, in the State of Connecticut, and installed the several officers into their respective stations in the manner we have received it, to-wit:

The Most Worshipful Brother Jesse Beach, H. P., the Right Worshipful John Beers, K—g, the Right Worshipful Brother Edward Blackslee,

S—e, the Worshipful Brother Pier E. Brandin, R. A. C., and the Worshipful Brother Francis French, Z—l; the last four severally by proxy.

And our said beloved Brethren, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized and directed by and with the assistance and concurrence of a majority of the members of the said Solomon Chapter hereby constituted, duly to be summoned and present on such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said Chapter as often as vacancies happen, in manner and form as is or may be prescribed and directed by the Constitution and General Laws of this the Mother Chapter; but in no wise to have power to grant any Dispensation or Warrant for the holding of any Chapter, or to install any other than the officers of the said Solomon Chapter, to be elected in manner and form aforesaid.

And further, we do hereby enjoin upon the said Solomon Chapter, at least once in every year, immediately, or as soon as may be after the election and installment of the several new officers, to communicate to us the state and condition of the said Chapter, that we may know what Brethren have attained to this exalted degree, and who, by their virtue and zeal for the prosperity and welfare of this Order, have been promoted to office.

In witness whereof, we, the presiding officers of the Washington Chapter, have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of the said Chapter to be affixed.

JOHN ABRAMS, H. P. W. C. R. A. M.
JNO. LUDLOW, K. W. C. R. A. M.
WM. RICHARDSON, S. W. C. R. A. M.

Attest: ELIAS HICKS, Secretary.

The following is endorsed on the back:

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, May 10th, 1821, this Charter was surrendered, agreeable to the regulations of said Grand Chapter, its authority acknowledged, and a new Charter issued.

JOHN MIX, Grand Secretary.

The foregoing Charter gives the Chapter the name and rank of Washington Chapter, No. 5, but at the organization of the Grand Chapter its rank was changed to No. 3, since which time it has been known as Washington Chapter, No. 3. Its career has been a useful and honorable one, and within the veils of its sanctuary have been brought to light in Capitular Masonry many who have been an honor to the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

VANDEN BROECK CHAPTER, No. 5.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, received its Charter from the Grand Chapter of New York, which was dated April 9th, A. D. 1796, but it is not known to be in existence, neither has a copy been preserved. This Chapter was represented by Eliphalet Bulkley, as High Priest, at the Convention held in Hartford, when the Grand Chapter was organized.

Its records show that prior to the date of the Charter, meetings were held, when a Mark Masters' Lodge was opened, and the degree of Mark Master conferred. The first of these records is dated December 24th, 1795, when a Mark Masters' Lodge was held at Brother John Breed's, with Worshipful Eliphalet Bulkley, Master.

Brother Noah Coleman, S. W.

Brother Thomas Skinner, J. W.

Brothers John Breed, John R. Watrôus and Roger Bulkley were severally introduced, and received the honorary degree of Mark Master, after which they made choice of the following officers:

Brother Eliphalet Bulkley, Master.
" Noah Coleman, Senior Warden.
" John Breed, Junior Warden.
" Roger Bulkley, Treasurer.
" John R. Watrous, Secretary.

The next meeting was held January 6th, 1796, when Brothers William Hyde, Asa Bigelow, Joel Worthington, Charles Bulkley, Reuben Champion, Alfred Isham, Charles Day and Joseph Metcalf received the degree of Mark Master, after which each Brother selected a mark, as was the custom.

Mark Masters' Lodges were opened January 12th, February 4th, February 18th, March 9th, April 25th and April 28th, and at each of these meetings candidates were received and business transacted, and at the meeting held March 9th, 1796, is a record of a Past Master Lodge being opened, and the degree conferred upon Brother Adonijah F. Bradford, after being balloted for and elected.

The first record of a Chapter meeting is dated June 22d, 1796, and held at Brother John Breed's, with Eliphalet Bulkley, High Priest, and the other principal offices filled by appointment, when several Brothers received the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The second meeting was held June 27th, 1796, when the following vote was passed: *Voted*, That Brothers Eliphalet Bulkley, Roger Bulkley, Alfred Isham, John R. Wat-

rous and Noah Coleman be a Committee to attend the General Convention of Arch Masons, to be held at Hartford on the 5th day of July next; and at the meeting held September 12th, 1796, we find the following in reference to the said Convention at Hartford:

"The proceedings and resolves of the Committees of the several Arch Chapters, held at Hartford, July 5th, 1796, being read before this Chapter, a vote was taken whether this Chapter approve of said doings, and passed in the negative." The early records of the Chapter designate the degrees conferred in the following order, Mark Master, Excellent Master, Super Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and no allusion is made to the degree of Past Master but three times prior to January, 1779, which would indicate that it might have been the custom to confer the degree of Past Master upon those only who had been Masters of Lodges. At the meeting held January 21st, 1800, all of the degrees were conferred upon several candidates, being balloted for in a Mark Masters' Lodge, and at this time the degrees mentioned are in order as follows: Mark Master, Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; but after this time the degree of Past Master is generally designated in the place of Excellent Master, though not always, and after the year 1810, neither the degree of Excellent Master or Super Excellent Master is mentioned. The Chapter continued to be one of the most prosperous in the jurisdiction until the year 1830, the date of its last record, after which it ceased to work, although sometimes represented in the Grand Chapter, and at the session in May, 1839, its charter was revoked; since which time it has ceased to exist.

The following is the first code of by-laws, which was adopted October 3d, 1796:

ARTICLE I.

Regular meetings of Vanden Broeck Chapter shall be holden on the first Monday in December, March, June and September, beginning at four of the clock and closing at nine on each of said days.

Special Chapters may be convened by order of the Most Worshipful High Priest, or senior officer present, whenever he shall think it expedient.

ARTICLE II.

The High Priest and other officers of the Chapter shall be chosen annually on the first Monday of December, and oftener in case of vacancy by death or other casualty.

ARTICLE III.

No candidate for the Royal Arch degree shall be ballotted for until he

shall have been proposed to the Chapter at one regular meeting previously, and a vote of the majority of the Brethren present taken, to place him on the minutes.

ARTICLE IV.

No person shall be admitted to the degree of Royal Arch, or to any of the steps preparatory thereto, except by the unanimous vote of the Brethren present.

ARTICLE V.

The fees for the several degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master, shall be at two dollars each, and that for Royal Arch shall be eight dollars. The Tyler's fees for outside tyling shall be one dollar and fifty cents for each night he shall officiate.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to collect all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, who is to render an account thereof annually, or whenever he shall be required so to do by the High Priest or other officers.

ARTICLE VII.

No money belonging to the Chapter shall be paid out, except by order of the High Priest or presiding officer present. Any Brother taking the aforesaid degrees in this Chapter, may become a member of the same, by subscribing the By-Laws thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any Brother who has taken the aforesaid degrees elsewhere, may become a member of this Chapter, by a vote of a majority of the Brethren present, he subscribing the By-Laws as other Brethren.

ARTICLE IX.

The By-Laws of this Chapter (except the 4th article) may be dispensed with, by a vote of a majority of the members present; the Chapter reserving to themselves the liberty to alter, amend, diminish or augment the aforesaid By-Laws, as to them shall appear most for the honor and benefit of the Order.

CONVENTION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

JULY 5TH, 1796.

At a convention of the following persons from the Royal Arch Chapters of Hiram, Franklin, Vanden Broeck, Solomon and Washington, holden at Hartford on the 5th day of July, A. D. 1796:

Ephraim Kirby, member of Hiram Chapter, but not a committee.

Elisha Tracy, John Turner, Joseph Huntington,	Committee from Franklin Chapter.
Eliphalet Bulkley, Noah Coleman, John R. Watrous,	Committee from Vanden Broeck Chapter.
Jesse Beach, John Beers,	Committee from Solomon Chapter.
S. Titus Hosmer, Joseph Webb,	Committee from Washington Chapter.

The aforesaid committee met at the dwelling house of Jonathan Janes, and chose S. Titus Hosmer, for their chairman, and Joseph Webb, for their Scribe. Then adjourned to the 6th day of instant July, 8 o'clock forenoon.

On the said 6th of July the Committee again assembled and passed the following resolutions:

Voted, That Messrs. S. Titus Hosmer, Eliphalet Bulkley, Elisha Tracy, Ephraim Kirby and Jesse Beach, be requested to write to the Grand, and Washington Chapters in New York, and to others having authority to grant charters, and that the letter be signed by the chairman of this Committee officially, informing them of the Convention of this Committee, and of their unanimous desire, that no charter constituting a Royal Arch Chapter be hereafter issued to any persons in this State, unless in pursuance of a recommendation from the Royal Arch Chapters aforesaid, or from their Committee duly assembled.

Voted, That whenever a person shall make application to either of the Royal Arch Chapters aforesaid, to be initiated, who lives more contigu-

ously to another Chapter, his name shall be entered on the books of the Chapter to which he has thus made his application, and all further proceedings be suspended until the next meeting of the Chapter, and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said Chapter forthwith to write to the Chapter more contiguous to the residence of the said applicant, informing of said application, which Chapter thus informed shall proceed to ballot on this question, Whether it is their will, that the said Chapter applied to may proceed to ballot for and initiate said applicant? And if the ballot should be in the negative, and duly transmitted to said Chapter applied to, it shall no further proceed on said application; if it be in the affirmative the Chapter applied to may proceed to ballot for said applicant as usual.

Voted, That the sum in future to be exacted for conferring the degrees of Mark Master, the Excellent Master, the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch shall be three guineas.

Voted, That a committee from the Chapters aforesaid hereafter meet semi-annually on the third Thursday of May, at Hartford, and on the third Thursday of October, at New Haven, at 8 o'clock forenoon on said days respectively, to take into consideration any measures relative to said Chapters, which may be deemed of expedience or utility.

Voted, That the doings of this Committee be printed and a convenient number of copies be forwarded to the Chapters aforesaid, and to the Chapter at New Haven.

A true copy of record,

Attest, JOSEPH WEBB, Scribe.

A true copy from a printed document in my possession, April 1st, 1875.

Attest, JOS. K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

CONVENTION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

OCTOBER 20TH, 1796.

At a convocation of the following persons from the Royal Arch Chapters of Hiram, Solomon, Washington, Franklin and Vanden Broeck, holden at New Haven, on the 20th day of October, A. L. 3796:

David Baldwin, Committee from Hiram Chapter.

Jesse Beach,
Francis French,
Daniel Holbrook,
} Committee from Solomon Chapter.

Samuel Canfield, Committee from Washington Chapter.

Asa Spalding, Committee from Franklin Chapter.

Reuben Champion, a member from Vanden Broeck Chapter, but not a committee.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Ephraim Kirby,	Reuben H. Booth,
Philo Ruggles,	John Beers,
Josiah Dudley,	Pre. E. Brandin.

The aforesaid Committee met at the dwelling house of Mr. Ebenezer Parmele, and chose David Baldwin for their Chairman, and Jesse Beach for their Scribe.

Voted, That Asa Spalding, David Baldwin and Daniel Holbrook be appointed a committee to write Vanden Broeck Chapter on the subject of a representation from Washington Chapter, stating a breach of the second article of the agreement entered into at Hartford in July last.

Voted, That Brothers S. T. Hosmer, David Baldwin, Ephraim Kirby and Philo Ruggles be a committee to wait on the present presiding officers of the Chapter in New Haven, and treat with them on the subject of a union of the several Chapters in this State, and to endeavor to agree with them to hold and establish a semi-annual convocation of the several Chapters.

Voted, That the doings of this Committee be printed, and a convenient number of copies be forwarded to the Chapters aforesaid, and to the Chapter at New Haven, and that the said Chapters pay the expense of printing.

A true copy of record,

Attest, JESSE BEACH, Scribe.

ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT,

MAY 17TH, 1798.

PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE SEVERAL CHAPTERS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

At a Convention of the officers of the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Connecticut, assembled at Hartford on the 17th day of May, A. L. 5798,—present, Ephraim Kirby, H. P. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for the Northern States of America.

COMPANIONS.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P. Nathan Preston, K., per proxy. Daniel N. Brinsmade, S., per proxy.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	Jesse Beach, H. P. Sheldon Curtiss, K. Francis French, S., per proxy.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	Stephen T. Hosmer, H. P. Seth Overton, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Samuel Bellamy, H. P., per proxy. Hezekiah Hotchkiss, K. William Munson, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	Eliphalet Bulkley, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Eben. Huntington, H. P., per proxy. Joshua Downer, K., per proxy. William Belcher, S., per proxy.

EPHRAIM KIRBY, President.
NATHAN PRESTON, Scribe.

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to the election of the several officers of the D. G. Chapter for the State of Connecticut, agreeable to the Constitution, which was accordingly done by ballot, and the following

Companions were declared to be duly elected to the several offices annexed to their respective names, viz.:

STEPHEN T. HOSMER, D. G. H. Priest,
EBEN. HUNTINGTON, D. G. King,
PETER JOHNSON, D. G. Scribe,
NATHAN PRESTON, D. G. Secretary,
JOHN TYLER, D. G. Chaplain,
JOHN MIX, of Farmington, D. G. Treasurer,
JESSE BEACH, D. G. Marshal.

The officers being convened, proceeded to open the Chapter; and the D. G. H. P. elect was installed by Companion Kirby, agreeable to ancient usage and custom.

The Chapter being opened, after the installation of officers, proceeded to business.

Voted, That the rules and regulations agreed to and subscribed by several Chapters in this State, in October last, at their Convention holden at New Haven, and at other times previous thereto, be the present by-laws of this D. G. Chapter, until superseded by ordinances or by-laws of the same.

The petition of a number of R. A. Masons, praying that a Chapter of R. A. Masons may be incorporated, to be holden at Litchfield, was read, and continued until the next Communication.

Voted, That Companions Stephen T. Hosmer, Samuel Bellamy, Jesse Beach, David Baldwin, Ebenezer Huntington and Eliphalet Bulkley be appointed a committee to meet at New Haven, on the first Wednesday next after the second Thursday of October next, at 9 o'clock A. M., and report to the next G. Chapter of this State such by-laws and regulations as they shall judge expedient for the government of the same.

Voted, That the several Chapters of Arch Masons in this State, at each semi-annual Communication, shall pay to the D. G. Treasurer one dollar for each candidate who shall be exalted to the most excellent degree of an Arch Mason.

Voted, That each of the Chapters in this State make a regular return of the officers and members of their respective Chapters to the next semi-annual communication, noting the members who shall be exalted after this time, and also a return in like manner for the future to each semi-annual meeting of the D. G. Chapter of this State.

Voted, That the Secretary procure one hundred copies of the proceedings of the convention and of this Chapter, printed, and forward ten copies to each Chapter in this State.

The foregoing is a true record of the votes of the D. G. Chapter.

Attest, NATHAN PRESTON, D. G. Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY 16TH, 1799.

At a half-yearly communication of the Deputy Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Connecticut, holden at the Lodge Room in the City of Hartford on the 16th day of May, A. L. 5799.

PRESENT.

M. E. D. G. H. P. STEPHEN TITUS HOSMER, by his proxy Companion SAMUEL CANFIELD.

Companion DAVID BALDWIN, D. G. K., *pro tem.*,
" SAMUEL BELLAMY, proxy for D. G. S.,
" JOHN MIX, D. G. T.,
" SHELDON CURTIS, D. G. S., *pro tem.*

MEMBERS.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	Sheldon Curtis, proxy, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	Samuel Canfield, proxy, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Samuel Bellamy, proxy, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	John Tyler, H. P.

The Chapter being formed, proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and after taking the ballots it appeared that the Companions hereafter mentioned were duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their names respectively, and as such were accordingly proclaimed, viz.:

Companion STEPHEN TITUS HOSMER, D. G. H. P.,
" DAVID BALDWIN, D. G. K.,
" SAMUEL BELLAMY, D. G. S.,
" JOHN MIX, D. G. T.,
" Rev. JOHN TYLER, D. G., Chaplain.

The appointment of Secretary was referred to the D. G. S., and the appointment of Marshal to the D. G. H. P.

Ordered, That the D. G. S. procure one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Chapter to be printed, and a due proportion of them transmitted to the several Chapters in this State as soon as may be.

A true copy from the minutes.

Test, SHELDON CURTIS, Secretary *pro tem.*

A true copy of a printed record now in my possession, April 1st, 1875.

J. K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, 1805.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at New Haven on the third Thursday of October, A. L. 5805.

PRESENT.

Most Excellent Companion SAMUEL BELLAMY, G. H. P.,
" " " JOHN MIX, G. K.,
" " " JOHN R. WATROUS, G. S.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Joshua Downer, proxy, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	Francis French, H. P. James Smith, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotchkiss, King. Russel Clark, Scribe.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	John R. Watrous, H. P. Roger Buckley, K. Asa Bigelow, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	Ebenezer Perkins, K.

VISITING COMPANIONS.

Amos Doolittle, William Munson,
Naphtali Daggett.

The petition of sundry Companions in the town and county of Windham, praying for the establishment of a new Chapter in said Windham, was continued to the Grand Convocation in May next.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to procure the doings of this Grand Chapter, to be printed and distributed to the several Chapters in this State.

Attest, FRANCIS FRENCH, Grand Secretary.

A true copy of a printed return on the files of the G. R. A. Chapter, now in my possession, October 9th, A. L. 5812.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARK, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, 1806.

At a half-yearly communication of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1806.

COMPANIONS PRESENT.

JONH MIX, H. P. P. T.,
HENRY CHAMPION,
FRANCIS FRENCH,
AMBROSE TODD.

Franklin Chapter,	Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P.
New Haven,	Amos Doolittle, S.
Solomon Chapter,	Francis French, H. P.
Derby,	James Smith, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter,	John S. Peters, proxy, for H. P.
Colchester,	Roger Bulkley, proxy, for S.
Franklin Chapter,	Advancements, $11; cash paid,
Norwich,	$11; due, $11.

A true copy of an original document in an unknown hand.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARK, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY 21ST, 1807.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at the City of Hartford, May 21st, A. L. 5807:

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN MIX, D. G. H. P.,
E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. K.,
E. FRANCIS FRENCH, G. S.

The following Chapters under this jurisdiction were represented as follows, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P. Samuel C. Blackman, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. John Hubbard, proxy, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Consider Sterry, H. P. James Gordon, K. Roger Huntington, S.,
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	Francis French, H. P. James Smith, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	John R. Watrous, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	Lyman Law, H. P.

Chapter opened in form.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were chosen to the offices affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. JOHN MIX, G. H. P.,
E. JOHN R. WATROUS, D. G. H. P.,
E. FRANCIS FRENCH, G. K.,
E. DAVID BALDWIN, G. S.,
E. HENRY CHAMPION, G. T.

The Grand Scribe appointed Companion Samuel C. Blackman Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of communications, and the usual business was read.

A petition from sundry Companions residing in the town of Danbury, praying for a dispensation to hold in said Danbury a Master Mark Mason Lodge, was read and continued to the next Grand Convocation.

A petition from sundry Companions residing in the county of Windham, praying for the establishment of a Chapter in the town of Windham, was read and continued to the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed and distributed to the several Chapters in this State.

A true copy from the minutes. Examined by

SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, G. Secretary.

A true copy of a printed document on the files of the G. R. A. Chapter in my possession, October 9th, A. R. A. M. 3812.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARK, G. Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER 15TH, 1807.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at the city of New Haven, October 15th, A. D. 1807.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN MIX, G. H. P.,
E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. K., *pro tem.*,
E. DAVID BALDWIN, G. S.

The following Chapters under this jurisdiction were represented, to wit:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P. S. C. Blackman, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotckiss, H. P. Amos Doolittle, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Not represented.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	Not represented.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	John R. Watrous, H. P. Roger Bulkely, proxy K.
Union Chapter, New London,	Not represented.

Several visiting Companions were present.

Voted a resolution that Lynch Chapter be admitted, on certain conditions, into fellowship and unity with this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the prayer of a petition of sundry Companions, residing in or near Windham, praying for a charter, be granted.

Voted, That the last vote be reconsidered, and that the petition and the subject matter thereof be continued until the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the Secretary receive returns from delinquent Chapters until November 1st next.

Attest, S. C. BLACKMAN, Scribe.

A true copy from the files.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Sectretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY 19TH, 1808.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at the city of Hartford, May 19th, A. L. 5808.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN MIX, G. H. P.,
E. JOHN R. WATROUS, D. G. H. P.,
E. FRANCIS FRENCH, G. K.,
E. DAVID BALDWIN, G. S.

The following Chapters under this jurisdiction were represented as follows, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P. Samuel C. Blackman, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotckiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. John Hubbard, proxy S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Consider Sterry, H. P. David Tracy, proxy K. Joseph Kenny, proxy S.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	Francis French, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	John R. Watrous, H. P. Joel Worthington, prox. K. John S. Peters, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	James Baxter, proxy H. P.

Chapter opened in form.

When Lynch Chapter was admitted into full fellowship and unity with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this jurisdiction, and was duly represented by Comp. Andrew L. Hill, K. Lynch Chapter, Weston and Redding.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing,

when the following Companions were chosen to the offices affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. John R. R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
E. Francis French, D. G. H. P.,
E. David Baldwin, G. K.,
E. Andrew L. Hill, G. S.,
E. Henry Champion, G. T.

The Grand Chapter then took up the usual business.

After duly considering the petition of sundry Companions residing in Windham and its vicinity, praying for the establishment of a Chapter in said town,

Voted, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the petitioners be entitled to receive a Charter in due form.

A petition from sundry Companions residing in Woodbury and some of the towns adjacent, praying for the establishment of a Chapter in that town, was read and continued to the next Grand Convocation.

A true copy from the minutes.

S. C. Blackman, G. Sec'y.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER 20TH, A. D. 1808.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at the city of New Haven, October 20th, A. L. 5808.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
E. FRANCIS FRENCH, D. G. H. P.,
E. DAVID BALDWIN, G. K.,
E. JOSIAH LACEY, G. S., *pro tem.*

The following Chapters under this jurisdiction were represented as follows, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	David Baldwin, H. P. Samuel C. Blackman, K. Amos B. Fairman, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotckiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. Amos Little, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	Not represented.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	Francis French.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	Roger Bulkley, proxy H. P. Cyrus M. Bartlett, proxy K.
Union Chapter, New London,	Not represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	Nathan Wheeler, H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham.	Daniel Tilden.

Voted, That John R. Watrous, Samuel C. Blackman, John Mix, Lyman Law, Nathan Wheeler, Consider Sterry, Laban Smith, Daniel Tilden and Francis French be a committee to form a code of by-laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and that said committee, or any three of them, make report to the next Grand Convocation

A true copy of record, without signature, on file.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY 18TH, A. D. 1809.

At a convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the 18th day of May, A. L. 5809.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
M. E. DAVID BALDWIN, G. K.,
M. E. ANDREW L. HILL, G. S.

The following Chapters were represented in Grand Convocation, as follows, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—David Baldwin, H. P. S. C. Blackman, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. John Hubbard, proxy, S.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P., Diah Manning, proxy, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Joel Worthington, proxy, H. P. Roger Bulkley, proxy, K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Alexander Collins, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Andrew L. Hill, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P. Roger Huntington, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Benjamin Stiles.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names, respectively, to-wit:

M. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
M. E. DAVID BALDWIN, D. G. H. P.,
M. E. ANDREW L. HILL, G. K.,
M. E. SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, G. S.,
M. E. HENRY CHAMPION, G. T.,
M. E. AMBROSE TODD, G. C.,
M. E. CONSIDER STERRY, G. M.,
Comp. DIAH MANNING, G. T.

Voted, That Companions Alex. Collins, Stephen Titus Hosmer and James Ward be a committee to revise the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and make report at the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer reimburse to the several Chapters all monies they may have paid in, over and above one dollar, for each exaltation.

A true copy of a file, without signature of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Attest, L. H. Clarke, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER 19TH, A. D. 1809.

At a semi-annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on Thursday, the 19th of October, A. L. 5809.

The Chapter was opened in due form.

PRESENT.

Companion JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
" D. BALDWIN, D. G. H. P.,
" NATHANIEL PERRY, G. S., *pro tem.*

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. Amos Doolittle, Scribe.
Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	Comp. David Baldwin, H. P.
Fdielity Chapter, Woodbury,	Comp. Benjamin Stiles, H. P. Nathaniel Perry, K. Daniel Hinman, proxy S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	John R. Watrous, H. P. Guy Bigelow, proxy S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	Comp. Alexander Collins, S.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	Comp. Francis French, H. P.

Resolved, That this Grand Royal Arch Chapter deem it inexpedient at this time to send forth a principal sojourner from this Grand Chapter to visit the respective Chapters in this jurisdiction.

A true copy of a document in the files of the Grand R. A. Chapter.

Attest, L. H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY 17TH, A. D. 1810.

At a convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, on the 17th day of May, A. L. 5810.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
M. E. ANDREW L. HILL, G. K.,
M. E. SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, G. S.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, as follows, to wit:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Samuel C. Blackman, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. John Hubbard, proxy S.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis Lynch, H. P. James Smith, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P. James Bailey, proxy K.,
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. Elijah Butts, proxy K. Roger Bulkley, proxy S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—John A. Fulton, proxy H. P. Leonard D. Richards, proxy S.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Andrew L. Hill, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P. Roger Huntington, K. John Baldwin, S.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Benjamin Stiles, H. P.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year

ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices affixed to their names, respectively, to wit:

M. E. John R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
M. E. Andrew L. Hill, G. K.,
M. E. Samuel C. Blackman, G. S.,
M. E. Henry Champion, G. T.,
M. E. Alexander Collins, G. Sec'y,
M. E. John Tyler, G. C.,
M. E. Consider Sterry, G. M.,
Samuel Bailey, G. Tyler.

Voted, That the committee appointed on the subject of the by-laws of this Grand Chapter, have their powers continued to them, and that they make report thereon at the next semi-annual convocation.

Voted, That the Tyler attending the Grand Chapter shall be allowed the sum of Three Dollars for each convocation.

Voted, That Companions John R. Watrous and Roger Bulkley be a committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.

Voted, That the petition of Companion James Stevens, &c., praying for a charter for a Royal Arch Chapter, &c., be continued to the semi-annual convocation, to be holden at New Haven, in October next, and that the officers elect be examined as to their qualifications, &c.

A true copy on file.

Attest, L. H. Clarke, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1810.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, the third Thursday of October, A. L. 5810.

PRESENT.

M. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
E. DAVID BALDWIN, D. G. H. P.,
E. ANDREW L. HILL, G. K.,
E. SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, G. S.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Sec'y.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Samuel C. Blackman, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Hezekiah Hotchkiss, H. P. Laban Smith, K. Amos Doolittle, S.
Solomon's Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P. James Smith, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Not represented.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. Roger Bulkley, proxy K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Alexander Collins, H. P. Levi H. Clarke, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Andrew L. Hill, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Benjamin Stiles, H. P. Nathaniel Perry, K.,

The Chapter being duly opened, the consideration of the petition of Companion James Stephens, &c., for a Charter, &c., was taken up, and on

full hearing the Chapter voted unanimously that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a charter, &c., be made out and delivered to the petitioners according to the by-laws.

When Companions John R. Watrous and Roger Bulkley made report of the state of the funds of this Chapter, which report was accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the several Chapters in this State, to make returns of the officers in their respective Chapters, and the number and names of the Companions in the same, at the Grand Convocation in May next, in order that a true list thereof may be enrolled in the record book of this Grand Chapter.

A set of by-laws were reported and accepted, and passed into Laws of this Chapter, and ordered to be recorded.

Voted, That Companions S. Titus Hosmer, Levi H. Clarke, and the Grand Secretary, inspect the files now in the hands of the G. S., and direct what shall be preserved and recorded.

Received Thirty Dollars for the use of the Chapter for grant of charter to Companion James Stevens, &c., also Secretary's fee of Five Dollars. Paid John Claus, One Dollar, Tyler.

A true copy of a document without signature, in the hand-writing of Companion Alexander Collins, on file.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

ARTICLE I.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut shall be governed by a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal, which officers shall be elected in Grand Convocation by ballot, annually in the month of May.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and the three Presiding Officers of the respective Chapters in this State, for the time being, shall be members of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Convocation of the members of the Chapter shall be holden semi annually, viz.: on the third Thursday in May, at Hartford, and on the third Thursday in October, at New Haven, and a special convocation may be called at such other times and place as the presiding officers of the Grand Chapter shall think expedient to summon, giving the members thereof at least ten days' notice.

ARTICLE IV.

The Grand Chapter shall have power to constitute chapters, grant charters and dispensations under the sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Chapter to such charters or dispensation.

ARTICLE V.

The several Chapters in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective Charters, and each Chapter that shall be hereafter constituted by this Grand Chapter shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, thirty dollars, and a fee of five dollars to the Grand Secretary, before receiving their Charter.

ARTICLE VI.

The Grand Chapter shall superintend the general police of the respective Chapters in this State, and shall order and direct the particular and uniform mode of exaltation; and shall hear and determine on all appeals of Companions regularly taken from the decisions of any Chapter, and shall affirm or reverse such decision, in whole or in part, as they shall deem meet and proper.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe severally to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch Masons, and to make themselves masters of the several Masonic lectures and ancient charges, whose right and duty it shall be, as often as opportunity presents, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in this State, and give such lectures and instructions as will tend to the most proper and uniform mode of working, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall demand and receive for each exaltation (excepting on the exaltation of a clergyman, who may be exalted gratis,) at least twenty dollars, viz.: Three dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Arch, and eleven dollars for the Arch, whereof shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, one dollar for each exaltation.

ARTICLE IX.

The several Chapters in this State shall be represented in each convocation of the Grand Chapter by one or more of the three first presiding officers of the respective Chapters, or by their regular proxies, and shall make their returns to the Grand Chapter, according to the by-laws thereof, under a penalty for neglect so to do (at the discretion of the Grand Chapter), which penalty shall not exceed eight dollars.

ARTICLE X.

The respective Chapters in this State shall make out and transmit to the Grand Chapter annually, at their convocation in May, the names of the three presiding officers of their respective Chapters, together with the number and names of all new exalted Companions during the then preceding year.

ARTICLE XI.

No Chapter shall be hereafter constituted or erected within twenty miles of any Chapter previously established in this State.

ARTICLE XII.

No candidate for the degrees of a Royal Arch Mason, residing in the vicinity of any Chapter, shall be admitted and exalted in any Chapter more remote from his place of residence without the approbation of the Chapter more contiguous to the residence of such candidate first had, and a certificate thereof transmitted to the Chapter to which such candidate offers himself.

ARTICLE XIII.

All moneys in the hand of the Grand Treasurer shall be at the disposal of the Grand Chapter, excepting the expenses of holding the stated or special convocations of the Grand Chapter, which expenses shall always be paid by the Grand Treasurer without any order or vote of the Grand Chapter for the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer shall be audited annually, and report made to the Chapter of the state of the funds at each Grand Convocation in the month of May.

ARTICLE XV.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to procure a record book for the use of the Grand Chapter, in which he shall enter all votes, by-laws, decisions and decrees of the Grand Chapter now on file, and those hereafter to be passed; and shall cause all votes and proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be printed annually in the month of May, and three copies thereof transmitted to each Chapter in this State, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI.

The aforesaid book of records shall, at all convocations of the Grand Chapter, be on the table for the use and instruction of the officers and members of said Chapter.

Passed unanimously in Grand Convocation, in October, A. D. 1810, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3810.

Test, ALEXANDER COLLINS, Grand Secretary.

A true copy from a printed code of by-laws for the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary (1812).

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

MAY, A. D. 1811.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1811, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3811.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Sec'y.

The Grand Chapter being duly opened, the following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Timothy Shepherd, prox. H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—John H. Lynde, prox. H. P. Amos Doolittle K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P. Samuel Bailey, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. David Deming, K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Alexander Collins, H. P. James Ward, G. K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not Represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Lazarus Hull, prox. H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P. John Baldwin, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Benjamin Stiles, prox. H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Isaac Lockwood, jr., H. P.

The first business of the Chapter was the choice of officers, when the following Companions were duly appointed to the office affixed to their respective names, viz.:

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
ANDREW L. HILL, D. G. H. P.,
SAMUEL BLACKMAN, G. K.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Sec'y,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. T.,
G. S.,
JOHN TYLER, G. C.,
CONSIDER STERRY, G. M.,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. T.

When the Grand Chapter was duly closed.

Attest, ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Sec'y.

A true copy from the minutes.

ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Scribe.

N. B.—The several chapters in this State are hereby notified, that returns must be made to the Grand Chapter of Connecticut at their next semi-annual Convocation, (to be holden at New Haven in October next,) containing the date of their charter and the names of all its living members.

ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Scribe.

A true copy on file.

Attest, L. H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1812.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held at Hartford, the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1812, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3812.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
ANDREW L. HILL, D. G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. Scribe,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. Secretary.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Timothy Shepherd, prox. H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Joseph Kinney, prox. H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter. Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. Guy Bigelow, Scribe.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—James Ward, K. Levi H. Clarke, Scribe.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Ebenezer Perkins, H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Andrew L. Hill, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter. Woodbury,	No. 10—Richard Smith, H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Not represented.

The first business of the Chapter was the choice of officers. The following Companions were elected to the offices annexed to their respective names:

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN, D. G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, G. K.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. Scribe,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
JOHN TYLER, G. Chaplain,
CONSIDER STERRY, G. Marshal,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Tyler.

The report of the committee upon the petition of the Companions living in Pomfret, &c., praying for the establishment of a R. A. Chapter at Pomfret, was excepted, and the petition granted.

Companions Alexander Collins and Levi H. Clarke, were appointed a committee to draft a form for Charters that shall be granted by this G. R. A. Chapter to the several Chapters under its jurisdiction.

Voted, That the fine imposed upon Union Chapter, No. 7, be remitted.

JOHN M. GANNETT, G. Secretary.

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest, JOHN M. GANNETT, G. Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1812.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1812, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3812.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
SAMUEL C. BLACKMAN. D. G. H. P.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. K. P. T.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, G. Scribe P. T.,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Samuel C. Blackman, H. P. Oliver C. Hurd, Scribe, prox.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. Amos Doolittle, K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P. John Hawley, Scribe.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Avery Downer, H. P., prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Asahel Loomis, Scribe.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Elijah Bailey, H. P., prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Andrew L. Hill, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Richard Smith, H. P. Nathaniel Tuttle, Scribe.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simeon H. Minor, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret.	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, K.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to draft a form for Charters that shall be granted by this Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, made their report of a form, which was accepted and approved, and lodged on file.

An appeal by Benjamin Candee, from a decision of Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Woodbury, to the Grand Chapter, was read, and in conformity with the prayer thereof, Companions Samuel C. Blackman, Nathaniel Perry and Francis French were appointed a committee to examine into the subject matter of the same, and report make to the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the expenses attending the appointment of the aforesaid committee be taxed by them, either on the Companion appellant or on the Chapter appellee, as they shall judge expedient, and that they be allowed to require such security for their reimbursement as they may think proper.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure, at the expense of the Grand Chapter, one hundred and forty-four blank certificates to be stamped on parchment, from the plate exhibited by Companion Doolittle, at the expense of the Grand Chapter, and that he supply the several Chapters in the State with such numbers as may be required, at the price of fifty cents each.

A communication from Companion Otis Ammidon, Gen. G. Secretary, dated Providence, August 14th, 1812, was read and lodged on file.

Voted, That from and after the next semi annual convocation, the respective Chapters shall elect their officers some time in the months of December or January, annually, and that the several Chapters be directed to alter by laws in conformity with the preceding vote.

Voted, That each Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, on receipt of this requisition, shall immediately forward to the Grand Secretary a certificate of the date of their respective Charters, and also a correct list, as far as is practicable, of all the Companions which now are or heretofore have been members of the respective Chapters, with the dates of their several exaltations, and an asterisk against the names of those who have deceased.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1813.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1813, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3813.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
FRANCIS FRENCH, G. K. *pro tem.*,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. S.,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Timothy Shepherd, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. Lucius Atwater, S., proxy.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P. Samuel Bailey, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. R. Bulkley, S., proxy.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Asahel Loomis, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Ebenezer Perkins, H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding,	No. 8—Not represented.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P. John Baldwin, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Hopson Pratt, H. P., proxy.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simon H. Minor, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret.	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, K.

The first business of the Grand Chapter was the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were elected to the offices respectively annexed to their names, viz.:

M. E. John R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
Samuel C. Blackman, D. G. H. P.,
Alexander Collins, G. K.,
John M. Gannett, G. S.,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Levi H. Clarke, G. Secretary,
Roger Searle, G. Chaplain,
Consider Sterry, G. Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, G. Sentinel.

On the petition of Benjamin Candee,

Voted, That Companions Samuel C. Blackman, Nathaniel Perry and Laban Smith be a committee to investigate the subject matter of the said petition, with the same privileges and powers as were granted to the committee appointed on the same subject at the last Grand Convocation.

The petition of Companion Ashbel Baldwin and others, praying for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in Stratford, was read, together with the documents accompanying the same, the further consideration whereof was postponed to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Francis French and Laban Smith were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

The petition of Daniel Parker and others, praying for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in Kent, was read, together with the documents accompanying the same, whereupon the said petition was continued to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Samuel C. Blackman and Timothy Shepherd were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

The petition of Companion Elisha Bostwick and others, praying for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in New Milford, was read, and continued to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Samuel C. Blackman and Timothy Shepherd were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

Attest, Levi H. Clarke, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1813.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1813, and of Roya. Arch Masonry 3813.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
FRANCIS FRENCH, G. K. *pro tem.*,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. S.,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
ROGER SEARLE, G. Chaplain.

The following Chapters were duly represent in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Timothy Shepherd, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No 3—Francis French, H. P. James Smith, K. John Hawley, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Asahel Loomis, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Ebenezer Perkins, H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Not represented.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Richard Smith, H. P. Wm. A. Brunson, K. Nathaniel Tuttle, S.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Isaac Lockwood 2d, H. P., proxy.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Joseph Palmer, Jr., H. P., proxy. Thomas Dow, S., proxy.

On the petition of Benjamin Candee,

Voted, That the power of the committee last appointed thereon, together with the said petition, be continued, with liberty to report at the next Grand Convocation.

The committee appointed upon the petition of Ashbel Baldwin and others to examine the officers elect made verbal report thereon, which is on file, whereupon the said petition was fully heard, proved and granted.

The committee appointed upon the petition of Companion Daniel Parker and others, to examine the officers elect, made verbal report thereon, which was accepted, whereupon the said petition was fully heard, proved and granted.

The further consideration of the petition of Elisha Bostwick and others was referred to the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That Companions Alexander Collins and Levi H Clarke be, and they hereby are appointed a committee to draft a form for the annual returns of the respective Chapters, and obtain five quires thereof to be printed, and distribute the same equally among the various Chapters in this State.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1814.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1814, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3814.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, as D. G. H. P.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, as G. K.,
LABAN SMITH, as G. S.,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
ROGER SEARLE, G. Chaplain,
ELIPHAZ HART, as G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—John Sanford, proxy, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P. Eliphaz Hart, S., proxy.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. R. Bulkley, S. proxy.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Asahel Loomis, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Elijah Butts, H. P., proxy.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Lemuel Sanford, H. P., proxy.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P. John Baldwin, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Richard Smith, H. P.

Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Darius Matthewson, H. P., proxy.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Matthew Talcott, H. P., proxy.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Hopson Pratt, S.

The first business of the Chapter was the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were elected to the offices respectively annexed to their names, viz.:

M. E. John R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
Alexander Collins, D. G. H. P.,
John M. Gannett, G. K.,
Levi H. Clarke, G. S.,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Chauncey Whittelsey, G. Secretary,
Roger Searle, Grand Chaplain,
Consider Sterry, Grand Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, Grand Sentinel.

Voted, That the subject of inflicting the penalties incurred by Lynch Chapter, No. 8, for non-representation at the two last Convocations, be continued.

Voted, That the subject matter of the petition of Benjamin Candee be continued to the next Grand Convocation, to obtain the reports of the committee heretofore appointed thereon.

The petition of Companion Elisha Bostwick and others, praying for a new Chapter in New Milford, was withdrawn.

The petition of Companion John Elmore and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Canaan, was read, together with the documents accompanying the same; the further consideration whereof was postponed to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Daniel Parker and Matthew Talcott were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

The petition of Companions Platt Benedict and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Danbury, was read, together with the documents accompanying the same; the further consideration whereof was postponed to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Samuel C. Blackman and Lemuel Sanford were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

The petition of James S. Waterous and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Ridgefield, was read, together with the documents accompanying the same, the further consideration whereof was postponed to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Isaac Lockwood, Jr., and James Steyens were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

On the petition of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, praying for an alteration in their charter, the previous question was taken, and decision had that this Grand Royal Arch Chapter will take no order thereon.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Scribe.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1814.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the third Thursday of October, A. D., 1814, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3814.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent LEVI H. CLARKE, G. H. P., *pro tem.*
LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*
FRANCIS FRENCH, G. K., *pro tem.*
ROGER SEARLE, G. S., *pro tem.*
DANIEL PARKER, G. Sec'y, *pro tem.*
AMOS DOOLITTLE, G. Treas., *pro tem.*
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Wheeler Fairchild, H. P., proxy. Daniel Blackman, S., proxy.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. Eben H. Collins, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P. James Smith, K. John Hawley, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich	No. 4—Elijah Bailey, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Not represented.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Roger Searle, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P., prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Seth Wheeler, H. P. Calvin Wheeler, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Tilden, H. P.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Richard Smith, H. P. William A. Bronson, K. Nathaniel Tuttle, S.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Henry Close, H. P., proxy.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Rensallaer Child, H. P. Thomas Hubbard, K. Thomas Dow, S. proxy.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Philo N. Shelton, H. P. proxy.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Daniel Parker, H. P. Jesse St. John, K. proxy.

The report of the committee heretofore appointed on the petition of Benjamin Candee, was read, and therenpon it was

Voted, That Companion Benjamin Candee be and he hereby is restored to all the privileges of a Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and in the Chapter of which he was a Companion.

Companion Chauncey Whittelsey having resigned his appointment as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, his resignation was accepted and he was released from the duties of his appointment.

Voted, That Companions Daniel Parker, Francis French and Roger Searle be and they hereby are appointed a committee to select and engage a Companion to undertake the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and to agree upon a suitable salary for the performance of the duties thereof.

The petition of Companion John Elmore and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter at Canaan, was heard and granted by the name and style of Meridian Chapter, No. 15.

The petition of Companion Platt Benedict and others, on file, was continued, and the committee for examination was re-appointed.

The petition of Companion James S. Waterous and others, on file, was continued, and the committee for examination was re-appointed.

The petition of Companion Roger Searle and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Litchfield, was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed to the next Grand Convocation, and Companions Daniel Parker, Levi H. Clarke and Richard Smith were appointed a committee to examine the officers elect.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was then closed.

Attest, DANIEL PARKER, Grand Sec'y *pro tem.*

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Scribe.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1815.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1815, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3815.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
ALEXANDER COLLINS, D. G. H. P.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. K.,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Scribe,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
ROGER SEARLE, G. Chaplain,
CONSIDER STERRY, G. Marshal,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—John Sanford, K. prox.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. John H. Lynde, K. H. W. Edwards, S. prox.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P. John Hawley, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Consider Sterry, H. P. Samuel Bailey, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. Roger Bulkley, S. prox.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Roger Searle, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P. prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Charles Winton, H. P., prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Edmund Freeman, H. P. John Baldwin, K. Joshua Smith, S.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Nathaniel Perry, H. P. prox.
Ritenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Rensellaer Child, H. P. Thomas Dow, K. prox. Levi Work, S. prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Matthew Talcott, H. P. prox.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Daniel Parker, H. P. Jesse St. John, K. prox. Philo Mills, S. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—John Elmore, H. P. Earl P. Pease K. prox.

The first business of the Grand Chapter was the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed respectively to their names, viz.:

M. E. John R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
Alexander Collins, D. G. H. P.,
John M. Gannett, G. K.,
John H. Lynde, G. Scribe,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Levi H. Clarke, G. Secretary,
Roger Searle, G. Chaplain,
Consider Sterry, G. Marshal.

The report of the committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to engage a suitable Companion for the office of Grand Secretary, was read and accepted, and Companion Levi H. Clarke elected to the office of Grand Secretary, in pursuance to the terms thereof.

The penalty incurred by Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, for non-representation at the last Grand Convocation, for the reasons offered, was remitted.

On the petition of Companions Platt Benedict and others,

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw the same. Petition withdrawn.

The petition of Companions James S. Waterous and others was negatived.

On the petition of Companions Roger Searle and others,

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdrawn the same. Petition withdrawn.

The report of the committee relative to the consecration of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, was read, accepted and lodged on file.

Companion Alexander Collins was appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and make report thereof to the next Grand Convocation.

A resolution being offered to repeal part of the IIId article of the By-Laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and to provide that there be but one Convocation thereof in each year, it was

Voted, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the next Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

A true copy of record.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D., 1815.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1815, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3815.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
FRANCIS FRENCH, D. G. H. P. P. T.,
JOHN MIX. G. K. P. T.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, G. Srcibe,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
ROGER SEARLE, G. Chaplain,
DARIUS HIGGINS, G. Sentinel, P. T.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Not represented.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. John H. Lynde, K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P. James Smith, K. John Hawley, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Not represented.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. Roger Searle, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P. prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Hezekiah Reed, Jr., H. P. prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Edmund Freeman, H. P. John Fitch, K. prox.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Ebenezer Weed, H. P. prox.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Lockwood, Jr., H. P. prox.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret.	No. 12—Thomas Dow, H. P. prox. Thomas Hubbard, K. Theophilus B. Chandler, S. prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Ashbel Baldwin, H. P. Matthew Talcott, K.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14.—Daniel Parker, H. P. Jeremiah Read, K. prox. Elijah Stewart, S. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Alban Rose, H. P.

The petition of Companions Roger Searle and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Litchfield, or Harwinton, was heard and granted by the name and style of Darius Chapter, No. 16, held at Litchfield.

The further consideration of the resolution proposing that there be but one Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter in each year, was postponed to the next Grand Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

A true copy of record.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1816.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1816, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3816.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, G. K.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, G. S.,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
ROGER SEARLE, G. Chaplain,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Marcus Botsford, H. P. proxy. Josiah Fairchild, K. proxy.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—John H. Lynde, H. P. Laban Smith, K. R. I. Ingersoll, S. proxy.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Samuel Bailey, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Levi H. Clarke, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Samuel Green, H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Not represented.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—John Baldwin, K.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stephens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Ingoldsby W. Crawford, H. P. proxy.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Matthew Talcott, H. P. Joel Jones, K.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Charles Beardsley, K. proxy.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—George B. Holt, H. P. proxy.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Roger Searle, H. P.

The first business of the Grand Chapter was the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed respectively to their names, viz.:

M. E. John R. Watrous, G. H. P.,
John M. Gannett, D. G. H. P.,
John H. Lynde, G. K.,
Laban Smith, G. S.,
Levi H. Clarke, G. Secretary,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Roger Searle, G. Chaplain,
Samuel Green, G. Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, G. Sentinel.

The penalty incurred by Franklin Chapter, No. 4, for non-representation at the last Grand Convocation, was remitted, for reasons offered in behalf of said Chapter.

Companions John M. Gannett and James Ward were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of Trinity Chapter, No. 9, and pay over the balances due to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter into the hands of the Grand Secretary.

The resolution proposing an alteration of the times and places of holding the Grand Convocations was negatived.

A penalty of five dollars was inflicted upon Hiram Chapter, No. 1.

Companions James Ward and John M. Gannett were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and make report to the next Grand Convocation.

The Chapter was then closed in form.

Attest, Levi H. Clarke, Grand Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1816.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the third Thursday of October, A. D. 1816, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3816.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, G. K. P. T.,
LABAN SMITH, G. S. P. T.,
ASAHEL LOOMIS, G. Secretary, P. T.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Blackman, H. P. prox.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—John H. Lynde, H. P. Laban Smith, K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Francis French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Elisha Tracy, H. P. prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Asahel Loomis, H. P. prox. James Ward, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Hezekiah Read, Jr., H. P. prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Edmund Freeman, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Isaac Lockwood, H. P. prox.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Judah Lyon, H. P. prox. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, S. prox.

Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—John Thompson, K.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Not represented.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Nathaniel Stevens, H. P. prox.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Roger Searle, H. P.

A copy of the by-laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was presented to this Grand Chapter, with a request to be furnished with a copy of by-laws of this Grand Chapter in return.

Voted, That the penalty incurred by Hiram Chapter, No. 1, be remitted.

The report of Companions John M. Gannett and James Ward was read, accepted and ordered to be put on file.

Attest, ASAHEL LOOMIS, G. Secretary, P. T.

A true copy from the record.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1817.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1817, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3817.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN R. WATROUS, G. H. P.,
JOHN M. GANNETT, D. G. H. P.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, G. K.,
LABAN SMITH, G. Scribe,
LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Marcus Botsford, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—John H. Lynde, H. P. Laban Smith, K. Andrew Kidston, S. prox.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Samuel Bailey, K. prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. David Deming, K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joshua Stow, H. P. James Ward, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Levi H. Clarke, H. P. prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Calvin Wheeler, Jr., H. P.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Edmond Freeman, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Judah Lyon, H. P. prox. Thomas Hubbard, K. John Mason, S. prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Joel Jones, K.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Philo Mills, H. P. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Nathaniel Stevens, H. P. prox.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Roger Cook, H. P.

The first business of the Grand Chapter was the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed respectively to their names, viz.:

M. E. John M. Gannett, G. H. P.,
John H. Lynde, D. G. H. P.,
Laban Smith, G. K.,
James Ward, G. Scribe,
Levi H. Clarke, G. Secretary,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Roger Searle, G. Chaplain,
Samuel Green, G. Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, G. Sentinel.

The penalty incurred by Hamilton, Chapter, No. 14, for non-representation at the last Grand Convocation, was remitted for reasons offered in behalf of said Chapter.

The penalty incurred by Lynch Chapter, No. 8, for non-representation at the Grand Convocation in May last, was also remitted.

The report of Companions John M Gannett and James Ward, relative to the claim of this Grand Chapter against Trinity Chapter, No. 9, was accepted, approved and lodged on file.

The verbal report of the committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation, to enquire into the complaints alleged against Franklin Chapter, No. 4, was accepted, the said committee re-appointed, and Companion Laban Smith added thereto; whereupon the powers heretofore vested were continued to the said committee or any two of them, with liberty to report thereon at the next Grand Convocation.

The petition of Companions Amos Bull and others, praying for the establishment of a new Royal Arch Chapter in Hartford, was read—whereupon the 11th article of the by-laws of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter was by vote dispensed with, and the prayer of the said petition was granted.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

A true copy of record.

Attest, LEVI H. CLARKE, G. Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1817.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the third Thursday of October, A. D., 1817, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3817.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent JOHN M. GANNETT, G. H. P.,
JOHN H. LYNDE, D. G. H. P.,
JAMES WARD, G. Scribe,
HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary, P. T.,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain, P. T.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Adoniram Fairchild, H. P. prox. Daniel Blackman, King.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—John Hart Lynde, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Elisha Tracy, H. P. prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Daniel Watrous, H. P. prox. Asa Worthington, Scribe, prox.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joshua Stow, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.
Lynch Chapter, Redding,	No. 8—Nathan I. Bennett, Scribe.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Edmond Freeman, H. P. John Baldwin, King.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Charles B. Phelps, H. P. prox.

Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Joseph Scarborough, H. P. prox. Thomas Hubbard, King. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Scribe, prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—John Thompson Scribe.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Philo Mills, H. P. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Not represented.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Roger Cook, H. P. Lucius Smith, King.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—John Mix, H. P.

Voted, That a committe be appointed from the chair to meet the officers of Franklin Chapter, No 4, for the purpose of investigating the subject matter of complaint alleged against said Chapter, and make report to the Grand Chapter at their next convocation.

A petition was received from Companion Samuel Bailey, praying the Grand Chapter to assist him in the education of his two deaf and dumb daughters, now at the Asylum in Hartford—whereupon

Voted, That the sum of forty dollars be paid to him for that purpose, from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution, submitted by Companion John H. Lynde, was passed, after filling the blank for committee with his name, viz.:

Whereas, uniformity in work and lecturing is of vital importance to the interest of Royal Arch Masonry; and

Whereas, a great want of uniformity exists in the several Chapters in this State;

Resolved therefore, That Companion John Hart Lynde be a committee to procure a suitable Companion to visit the Chapters in this State and instruct them in the mode of work, and to agree on such terms of payment as he shall judge expedient, and that, for the purpose of defraying the expense of such visitation, each Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay into the treasury thereof the sum of twenty dollars, on or before the next semi-annual convocation; and it shall be the duty of the presiding officers of each Chapter to give such lecturer a certificate, stating the number of days spent with them in lecturing; and such sum, not exceeding five dollars per day, as each Chapter may pay the visitor, taking his receipt therefor, shall be considered a part of said twenty dollars.

Voted, That Companions James Ward, John Hart Lynde and John Mix be a committee to select and enage a Companion to undertake the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Penalty incurred by Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, was remitted.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

Attest, HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary, P. T.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1818.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, on the third Thursday of May, A. D. 1818, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3818.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. LABAN SMITH, G. K.,
JAMES WARD, G. Scribe,
HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain, P. T.,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Not represented.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. H. Hotchkiss, Scribe.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—James Cushman, H. P. Newcomb Keeney, King. Cushing Eelles, Scribe.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P. Guy Bigelow, Scribe.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—John Lawrence Lewis, H. P. prox.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P. G. H. Richards, King, prox.
Lynch Chapter, Redding,	No. 8—Charles Winton, H. P. prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Roger Huntington, H. P. D. Frost, King, Seth Collins, Scribe.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—I. W. Crawford, H. P. prox. William Williams, King, prox. Amos Paine, Scribe.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Not represented.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Russell Millard, H. P. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Nathaniel Stevens, H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Lucius Smith, H. P. T. Collius, King. James Winship, Scribe, prox.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, King. Talcott Wolcott, Scribe.

The first business of the Grand Chapter was the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected to the offices annexed respectively to their names, viz.:

M. E. Lyman Law, G. H. P.,
Laban Smith, D. G. H. P.,
David Demming, G. K.,
Thomas A. Cushing, G. Scribe,
Horatio G. Hale, G. Secretary,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Menzies Rayner, G. Chaplain,
Samuel Green, G. Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, G. Sentinel.

The penalty incurred by Union Chapter, No. 7, for non-representation at the Grand Convocations in October, 1816 and 1817, was remitted, for reasons offered in behalf of said Chapter.

The penalty incurred by Meridian Chapter, No. 15, for non-representation at the Grand Convocation in May last, was also remitted.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be requested to notify Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, to appear at the next semi-annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and show reasons, if any they have, why their charter should not be vacated.

On motion a committee was appointed, consisting of Companions Samuel Green, Coddington Billings and David Demming, to take into consideration what sum is proper for this Grand Chapter to allow

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, for the annual use of their Hall, and to report at the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to receive from Companion A. Doolittle two dozen blank diplomas, and to pay him the sum of eight dollars therefor.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make the following record upon the charter granted Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, in May, R A. M. 3817, viz..

Our M. E. D. G. H. P. John Hart Lynde having deceased without opportunity of signing this charter, the Grand Chapter therefore request our past G. H. P., Comp. John R. Watrous, to place his signature to this charter as D. G. H. P. for the occasion.

A petition from Jeremiah Mead and others, of Ridgefield, praying for the establishment of a Chapter at that place, was read:

Voted, That no order be taken thereon.

A petition from Meridian Chapter, No. 15, praying to be discharged from the payment of twenty dollars, due from them to the Grand Chapter, on account of the Grand Lecturer, was read:

Voted, That no order be taken thereon.

Whereas, communications have been made to this Chapter respecting the unmasonic conduct of Companion David Vinton as to the manner of his communicating Masonic lectures, claiming to act under the authority of the Grand Chapter of this State; and

Whereas, the said David Vinton appeared in person and requested to be heard before this Chapter in justification of his conduct, and he having been fully heard touching all the matters of complaint against him; whereupon the G. R. A. Chapter passed the following vote, viz.:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter disapprove of the unmansonic conduct of the said David Vinton, and also his conduct in claiming to act under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State, and by the authority of the Grand Officers of said Chapter.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, it is improper for any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to employ or receive any Masonic lectures from the said David Vinton.

Voted, That it be and it is hereby recommended to the several Chapters in this State not to employ any person whatever as a lecturer, unless he be recommended as such by the four first officers of the Grand Chapter, or by a majority of them.

Resolved, That Companions John Lawrence Lewis, Henry W. Edwards and Laban Smith be a committee to revise, correct and prepare a code of By-Laws, for the government of the Grand Chapter of this State, and for the uniform government of the subordinate Chapters in this State, and that the same be laid before the Grand Chapter at their next convocation.

Attest, HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER, A. D. 1818.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, on the third Thursday of October, A. D., 1818, and of Royal Arch Masonry, 3818.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
THOMAS H. CUSHING, G. S.,
HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain,
JEREMIAH L. CROSS, G. Marshal, P. T.,
JAMES CUSHMAN, G. Sentinel, P. T.,

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Bennett Perry, H. P. prox.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2--Laban Smith, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—James Cushman, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joshua Stow, H. P. prox.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P. Lyman Law, King. Thomas H. Cushing, Scribe.
Lynch Chapter, Redding,	No. 8—Nathan I. Bennett, King.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Andrew Harris, King, prox.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Charter vacated at the present convocation.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—James Stevens, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, King.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Ashbel Baldwin, King.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Not represented.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Not represented.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Not represented.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Henry Kilbourn, H. P. prox. Charles Babcock, Scribe, prox.

The penalties incurred by Hiram Chapter, No. 1, and Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, for non-representation at the last annual convocation, were remitted.

The consideration of the question relating to Lynch Chapter, No. 8, for the non-payment of twenty dollars, due the Grand Chapter for the services of the Grand Lecturer, was postponed until the next convocation.

Agreeable to postponement from the last convocation, the Grand Chapter proceeded to take into consideration the question relating to Fidelity Chapter, No. 10. No returns having been made since October, R. A. M. 3815, and it having appeared that said Chapter had not been convoked since that date, whereupon

Voted, That the charter of said Chapter be and it is hereby revoked. And the Grand Secretary is directed to take their charter into his keeping, to be presented to the Grand Chapter at their next convocation.

A motion was made by Companion Baldwin to procure a set of robes and jewels for the Grand Chapter, and in addition thereunto, that no Companion should be admitted to a seat in the Grand Chapter unless he be clothed with a sash and apron—the consideration of which was postponed until the next Grand Convocation.

The petition of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, praying to be discharged from the payment of twenty dollars, due to the Grand Chapter for services of the Grand Lecturer, was introduced and read, whereupon

Voted, That the consideration thereof be postponed until the next annual convocation.

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum be paid by the Grand Chapter to Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, for the use of their Hall in the City of Hartford, so long as they may continue to use it.

Voted, That the powers of the committee appointed to draft a code of By-Laws be continued, and that they have leave to report at the next Grand Convocation.

Companions John Mix, James Ward and Horatio G. Hale were appointed a committee to make an estimate of the expense of robes and jewels suitable for the officers of the Grand Chapter, and to report at the next annual convocation.

Grand Chapter then closed in due form.

Attest, H. G. HALE, G. Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1819.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, holden at Hartford on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1819, and of Royal Arch Masonry 3819.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Most Excellent LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
THOMAS H. CUSHING, G. Scribe,
HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain,
SAMUEL BAILEY, G. Sentinel.

The following Chapters were duly represented in Grand Convocation, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Burhans, H. P. prox. Daniel Blackman, Scribe.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. H. W. Edwards, King. J. Carrington, Scribe, prox.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—David B. Newton, King. James Smith, Scribe.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—James Cushman, H. P. Daniel Parker, King, prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—John Lawrence Lewis, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Thomas H. Cushing, H. P. Lyman Law, King. Coddington Billings, Scribe.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Hezekiah Read, H. P.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Daniel Frost, Jr., H. P. Gurdon Tracy, King. Elisha Smith, Scribe.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Vacant.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Isaac Lockwood, H. P. prox.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret.	No. 12—I. W. Crawford, H. P. prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Stratford,	No. 13—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No 14—Philo Mills, King.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Not represented.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Timothy Collins, King.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Talcott Wolcott, H. P.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were elected to the offices respectively affixed to their names, viz.:

Most Excellent Lyman Law, G. H. P.,
Laban Smith, D. G. H. P.,
David Demming, Grand King,
Thomas H. Cushing, G. Scribe,
Horatio G. Hale, G. Secretary,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Daniel Burhans, G. Chaplain,
James Cushman, G. Marshal,
Samuel Bailey, G. Sentinel.

The penalties incurred by Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Meridian, No. 15, and Darius, No. 16, for non-representation at the last convocation, were remitted, satisfactory reasons having been offered in behalf of said Chapters.

The committee appointed at the last convocation to make an estimate of the expense of robes and jewels suitable for the officers of the Grand Chapter, reported that the sum of two hundred dollars would be necessary.

The motion made by Companion Baldwin, at the last semi-annual convocation, making it obligatory on Companions to appear in Grand Chapter with sashes and aprons, was introduced agreeably to postponement, and negatived.

A communication was received from Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, requesting permission to hold their convocations alternately at Norwalk

and Stamford,—to be holden at Norwalk one year from the present convocation of the Grand Chapter, then at Stamford, and so on alternately; which communication was acted upon, and permission accordingly granted.

The committee appointed at the last annual convocation to revise, correct and prepare a code of By-Laws for the government of the Grand Chapter of this State, and for the uniform government of the subordinate Chapters, reported as follows, viz.:

That having attended to the subject referred to them, they find that the present By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, contain, in the apprehension of your committee, nearly all that is necessary for the government of this Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

Your committee, however, find that the regulations of the General Grand Chapter have not been observed. This, probably, is owing to want of information. That there may hereafter be no misunderstanding, or want of information upon this subject, your committee think advisable that an article should be inserted in the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter expressly adopting the general Grand Royal Arch Constitution; and they also think it expedient that this Constitution should be printed with the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and distributed with them. They have accordingly inserted an article for that purpose.

Hitherto there have been semi-annual convocations of this Grand Chapter. This was ordered, it is supposed, on account of the two stated sessions of the General Assembly. It is thought by the committee that a continuance of this arrangement may be attended with inconvenience, and they have therefore reported an alteration of the By-Laws in this particular.

It is thought that the payment of one dollar to the Grand Chapter, for each exaltation, does not furnish the Grand Chapter with the funds that the good of the order requires. An alteration in this particular is therefore recommended.

Hitherto the officers of the Grand Chapter, who are not representatives of particular Chapters, have borne their own expenses in attending the Grand Convocation. The expenses of the representative *members* of the Grand Chapter are paid, as your committee are informed, *generally*, if not universally, by the Chapters they represent. An extra burthen is therefore imposed upon those officers of the Grand Chapter who are not at the same time representatives of particular Chapters. To remedy this, your committee have reported an article for the payment of the necessary expenses of the officers of the Grand Chapter out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, when they are not otherwise provided for.

The By-Laws of the Grand Chapter make it the right and duty of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and

Scribe to visit and preside in the different Chapters, and give lectures and instructions, as often as *opportunity* presents. No provision is made for the payment of their expenses while performing this duty; it is presumed, therefore, it was not expected that these officers, or any of them, should be at any extraordinary expense or trouble for the performance of these services. Experience has shown that these "*opportunities*" but rarely, if ever occur. The article upon this subject evinces the sense which was entertained of the importance of these visitations. That the objects contemplated by them may be more effectually secured, the appointment of visitors, and the payment of the unavoidable expenses of their travel and attendance, is recommended.

Your committee observe, that by the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, the fee for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter, by the *General Grand Officers*, is ninety dollars, exclusive of the compensation to the General Grand Secretary. The fee now payable, according to the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, for the institution of a new Chapter by this *Grand Chapter*, is thirty dollars, exclusive of five dollars to the Grand Secretary. Your committee can see no reason for this difference. They can see many advantages in requiring the payment of a larger sum than is now required. They have, therefore, thought proper to submit to the consideration of this Grand Chapter an alteration of our By-Laws in this particular, and have inserted the sum now required by the General Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. EDWARDS,
LABAN SMITH,
JNO. LAWRENCE LEWIS, } Committee.

Hartford, May 20th, A. D. 1819, A. R. A. M. 3819.

An article providing for payment of necessary expenses of the Grand Officers in attending the Grand Chapters, was postponed for future consideration. The vote for adopting the By-Laws was then taken and passed unanimously.

Companion James Cushman was appointed Graud Visitor by the Most Excellent High Priest, for the Eastern, and Companion Jeremy L. Cross for the Western section of this State.

Companions Laban Smith and Ralph I. Ingersoll were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Ordered, That the Secretary procure one hundred and fifty copies of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, as revised at this convocation, to be printed, and that he send three copies to the Secretary of each Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of this State, and one copy to the Secretary of each Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and request copies of their By-Laws in return.

The Grand Chapter then closed in due form.

Attest, HORATIO G. HALE, G. Secretary.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT,

As Revised May 20, A. D. 1819.

ARTICLE I.

The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America is adopted and approved by this Grand Chapter; and this Grand Chapter, its officers and members, and the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, and their officers and members, shall conform thereto, and the same shall be printed and distributed with the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall be governed by a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal; which officers shall be elected in Grand Convocation, by ballot, annually in the month of May.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and the three presiding officers of the respective Chapters in this State for the time being, shall be members of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

A Grand Convocation of the members of the Chapter shall be holden annually on the second Thursday following the first Wednesday of May, at Hartford and New Haven alternately, beginning at New Haven; and the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests respectively, for the time being, may at any time order a special convocation, to be holden at such place as they shall severally think proper to appoint, giving the members at least ten days' notice.

ARTICLE V.

The Grand Chapter shall have power to constitute Chapters, grant charters and dispensations, under the sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Chapter to such charter or dispensation.

ARTICLE VI.

The several Chapters in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters; and each Chapter that shall be hereafter constituted by this Grand Chapter, shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, ninety dollars, and a fee of five dollars to the Grand Secretary, before receiving their charter.

ARTICLE VII.

The Grand Chapter shall superintend the general police of the respective Chapters in this State, and shall order and direct the particular and uniform mode of exaltation, and shall hear and determine on all appeals of Companions, regularly taken from the decision of any Chapter, and shall affirm or reverse such decision, in whole or in part, as they shall deem meet and proper.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, severally to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch Masons, and to make themselves masters of the several Masonic lectures and ancient charges; whose right and duty it shall be, as often as opportunity presents, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in this State, and give such lectures and instructions as will tend to the most proper and uniform mode of working, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the order.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall demand and receive for each exaltation (excepting on the exaltation of a clergyman, who may be exalted gratis), at least twenty dollars, viz.: four dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Arch, and eight dollars for the Arch, whereof shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, two dollars for each exaltation.

ARTICLE X.

The several Chapters in this State shall be represented in each convocation of the Grand Chapter, by one or more of the first three presiding officers of the respective Chapters, or by their regular proxies, and shall make their returns to the Grand Chapter, according to the By-Laws thereof, under a penalty for neglect so to do (at the discretion of the Grand Chapter), which penalty shall not exceed eight dollars.

ARTICLE XI.

The respective Chapters in this State shall make out and transmit to the Grand Chapter annually, at their convocation in May, the names of the three presiding officers of their respective Chapters, together with the number and names of all new exalted Companions during the then preceding year.

ARTICLE XII.

No Chapter shall be hereafter constituted or erected within twenty miles of any Chapter previously established in this State.

ARTICLE XIII.

No candidate for the degree of a Royal Arch Mason residing in the vicinity of any Chapter, shall be admitted and exalted in any Chapter more remote from his place of residence, without approbation of the Chapter more contiguous to the residence of such candidate first had, and a certificate thereof transmitted to the Chapter to which such candidate offers himself.

ARTICLE XIV.

All monies in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall be at the disposal of the Grand Chapter, excepting the expenses of holding the stated or special convocations of the Grand Chapter, which expenses shall always be paid by the Grand Treasurer, without any order or vote of the Grand Chapter for the same.

ARTICLE XV.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer shall be audited annually, and report made to the Chapter of the state of the funds, at each Grand Convocation in the month of May.

ARTICLE XVI.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to procure a Record Book for the use of the Grand Chapter, in which he shall enter all votes, by-laws, decisions and decrees of the Grand Chapter now on file, and those hereafter to be passed; and shall cause all votes and proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be printed annually in the month of May, and three copies thereof transmitted to each Chapter in this State, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVII.

The aforesaid Book of Records shall, at all convocations of the Grand Chapter, be on the table for the use and instruction of the officers and members of said Chapter.

ARTICLE XVIII.

There shall be two Visitors chosen annually by the Grand Chapter, one for the eastern and one for the western section of the State, whose duty it shall be severally to visit the Chapters in their different sections, give lectures and instructions, inquire into their state and condition, and make report to the Grand Chapter at the next Grand Convocation after their appointment. The necessary expenses of the visitors, for one visit to each chapter, shall be paid by the Grand Chapter, provided they do not exceed for the eastern section twenty and for the western section forty dollars. Connecticut river shall be the dividing line between the eastern and western sections.

ARTICLE XIX.

The foregoing regulations shall not be altered or revised, except at an annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, nor in that unless three-fourths of the members of the same shall give their assent to such alteration or revision.

The foregoing is a true record of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, with the alterations, additions and amendments as reported by the committee, and ratified by the Grand Chapter, convoked at Hartford, May 20, A. D. 1819.

HORATIO G. HALE, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1820.

At a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held at New Haven, on the second Thursday of May, A. D. 1820, and of R. A. M. 2350.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
E. LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
E. DAVID DEMING, G. King,
E. THOMAS H. CUSHING, G. Scribe,
HENRY CHAMPION, G. Treasurer,
MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain, P. T.,
JAMES CUSHMAN, G. Marshal,
JEREMY L. CROSS, G. Sentinel, P. T.

The following Chapters were duly represented, viz.:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—David B. Newton, H. P. Jeremiah French, K'g.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—James Cushman, H. P. Elisha Tracy, K'g, prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Guy Bigelow, H. P. J. R. Watrous, K'g, prox.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—John L. Lewis, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—T. H. Cushing, H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Sturges Fanton, H. P. prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Andrew Harris, H. P. Luther D. Beach, Scribe.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—I. W. Crawford, H. P. Darius Matthewson, K'g. J. Palmer, Jr., Scribe.

Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Menzies Rayner, H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Philo Mills, K'g.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Monk, H. P.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Talcott Wolcott, H. P. S. G. Chaffee, K'g, prox.

The following Chapters were not represented, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown.
Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Norwalk.
Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were elected to the offices respectively affixed to their names, viz.:

M. E. Lyman Law, G. H. P.,
E. Laban Smith, D. G. H. P.,
E. David Deming, G. K'g,
E. Thomas H. Cushing, G. Scribe,
Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
Elizur Goodrich, Jr., G. Secretary,
Menzies Rayner, G. Chaplain,
James Cushman, G. Marshal,
Jeremy L. Cross, G. Sentinel.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston, surrendered to this Chapter a charter which they held under the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and whereupon it was

Voted, That a charter be granted to Lynch Chapter, to be held under the Grand Chapter of this State.

Voted, That the present date of R. A. M. be entered on the records of this Grand Chapter in the following manner, viz.: A. R. A. M. 2350.

Voted, That Companions William H. Jones and Elizur Goodrich, Jr., be appointed a committee to correspond with the Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters in the United States, on the subject of the true era of Royal Arch Masonry, and to communicate the result of their inquiries to the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the penalty incurred by Darius Chapter, No. 16, for not paying over their dues to this Chapter, be not remitted.

Companion Jeremy L. Cross was appointed by the M. E. High Priest, Grand Visitor for the western, and Companion James Cushman, Grand Visitor for the eastern section of the State.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter approve of the Masonic Chart published by Companion Jeremy L. Cross, and recommend it to be used as a text-book in the several Chapters under their jurisdiction.

The reports of Companions Jeremy L. Cross and James Cushman, Grand Lecturers and Visitors, during the last year, were read and accepted.

The report of the committee appointed at the last convocation to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer was read and accepted.

Companions Talcott Wolcott and Elizur Goodrich, Jr., were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of Companion Horatio G. Hale against this Chapter, and to draw an order in his favor on the Grand Treasurer for the balance that shall be due to him.

Voted, That $26.50 be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter to Companion Thomas H. Cushing, and $17 to Companion Laban Smith for expenses incurred by them respectively in attending the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in the city of New York, in September, 1819.

A petition from several Companions residing in Granby, praying that a Mark Masters' Lodge might be established at Turkey Hills, was read, and the previous question being called for, it was voted that no order should be taken on the subject.

A petition from Miss Abby W. Storer, praying for charity, was read, whereupon it was voted that ten dollars be paid to her from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Norwalk, was not represented in consequence of a mistake made by the High Priest of that Chapter as to the time when the Grand Chapter was to be convened. The fees due to the Grand Chapter were paid by the High Priest of Rittenhouse Chapter a short time after the Grand Chapter was closed.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify those Chapters in this State which hold charters under the Grand Chapters of other States, to surrender their present charters and accept charters to be held under this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

Attest, ELIZUR GOODRICH, JR., Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1821.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1821, and of R. A. M. 2351.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
E. LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
E. THOMAS H. CUSHING, G. Scribe,
E. ELIZUR GOODRICH, Jr., G. Secretary,
E. MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain,
E. JEREMY L. CROSS, G. Marshal, P. T.,
E. WILLIAM G. BETTS, G. Sentinel, P. T.

In Grand Convocation the following Chapters were duly represented, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Timothy Shepherd, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. W. H. Jones, Scribe, prox.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Not represented.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—William Belcher, H. P. W. P. Eaton, Scribe, prox.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—J. C. Ely, H. P. prox.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joshua Stow, H. P. prox. L. Wells, Scribe. prox.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Thomas H. Cushing, H. P. Lyman Law, King.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Seth Wheeler, H. P. prox.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Andrew Harris, H. P. Gurdon Tracey, King. Leonard Hendee, Scribe.

Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Vacated.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—C. Hawley, H. P. prox.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Joseph Palmer, Jr., H. P. prox. D. Mathews, King, prox. T. Hubbard, Scribe, prox.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—M. Rayner, H. P. prox.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—R. M. Millard, H. P. prox.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—O. Plumb, H. P. prox.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh, H. P. P. B. Taylor, K. prox.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—T. Wolcott, H. P. J. G. Norton, Scribe.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and the following Companions were elected to the offices respectively affixed to their names, viz.:

M. E. Lyman Law, G. H. P.,
E. Laban Smith, D. G. H. P,
E. Thomas H Cushing, G. King,
E. Elizur Goodrich, Jr., G. Scribe,
E. Henry Champion, G. Treasurer,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary,
E. Asa Meach, G. Chaplain,
E. Jeremy L. Cross, G. Marshal,
E. William G. Betts, G. Sentinel.

Voted, That the penalty incurred by Darius Chapter, No. 16, for a defalcation in payment of six dollars due the Grand Chapter at their last convocation, be remitted, the amount having been subsequently paid.

Voted, That the penalty incurred by Meridian Chapter, No. 15, for non-representation at the last convocation, be and the same is hereby remitted, returns having been since made.

Companion Jeremy L. Cross reported his doings for the year preceding, as Grand Visitor and Lecturer, which was read and accepted.

Resolved, That the eighteenth article of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the expulsion of David Vinton from Franklin Chapter, No. 4, in the State of Connecticut, for highly unmasonic conduct, be pub-

lished in three respectable newspapers in this State, and the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to publish the same accordingly.

Voted, That there be appointed by the M. E. H. P. three Grand Visitors for this State, each of whom is hereby authorized to give lectures in any Chapter which may call for their services, the said Chapters paying the expenses for the same.

In pursuance of the above vote, Companions Jeremy L. Cross, James Cushman and Andrew Harris were appointed.

The Grand Chapter then closed in due form.

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest, JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D. 1821, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2351.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Jedediah Lathrop, Charles A. Ingersoll, John Rowe, Asa Childs.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Charles G. Avery, Oliver Tubbs, William P. Eaton, Thomas Robinson, Frederic Prentice, Thomas Deverel (clerg.), Elisha Frink (clerg.), Hezekiah Tracey.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Asa Bigelow, Roswell Raymond, Elijah Ackley, Herman Brainerd.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Richard Graves, Joseph Wilcox, Jr.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Dyer T. Brainerd, Elias L. Coit.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston—Samuel S. Gray, David A. Marsh, Edward Couch, Charles Dart, Daniel Odele.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Christopher S. Avery, David Burnham, Jeremiah Clark.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Norwalk—Charles Hurlbut, Levi Nash, Henry Sherwood, Andrew A. Williams.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Squire Ward, William James, Zuingling Judson, Joseph Rockwood, William Makepeace, Hamlet Barber, Wudon Clark, Alfred Whaley, Abel Child.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—William Case.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Albert Lawrence, Heber Bosworth, John Faxon.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Phinehas B. Taylor, Frederick Buel, Edward Lester, Basset Dunbar, Norman Hawley, Horace Ranney, Luman Hinman, Andrews Camp, Sherman Potter, David Winship, Samuel Buel, Horace Warner.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Abner Case, Ozias Pettibone, John Willey, Benjamin Weed, Horatio Fitch, Jared Moore, Henry S. Ellsworth, Levi Collins, Marcellus Landers, Isaac Phelps, Elisha M. Jenks, Charles H. Olmsted, H. O. Goodwin, William Morgan, Jesse Ives, James M. Boyd, Horace Treat, Eli B. Allen, Samuel G. Goodrich, Charles Sheldon, Aaron Roberts, Birdseye Wilcox, Eldridge Foster, Allen M. Mather, Elam Fuller, Arabsa Phelps, Erastus Holcomb.

EXPULSIONS.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Chester Kimball, Jr., David Vinton, W. E. Robinson, George Nelson, Philemon Page, Jr., Nathan Sears, Perry M. Haskill, William McGraw, A. F. Brandford.

SUSPENSION.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—William F. Simpson.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1822.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1822, and of R. A. M. 2352.

PRESENT.

M. E. LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
E. LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
E. JOHN R. WATROUS, G. K., *pro tem.*,
E. FRANCIS FRENCH, G. S., *pro tem.*,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. JEREMY L. CROSS, Capt. Host, *pro tem.*,
E. JOHN LAWRENCE LEWIS, Principal Sojourner.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Blackman, K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Jones, K. David Kimberly, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Jeremiah French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Avery Downer, proxy H. P. Tyler Brown, proxy S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Asa Bigelow, Jr., proxy H. P. Nathaniel Markwan, Jr., K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—John Lawrence Lewis, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Dyer F. Brainard, proxy K.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Abiel K. Botsford, K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Tracy, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—William G. Betts, proxy H. P.

Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, proxy H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—John Thomas, proxy H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No 14—Philo Mills, H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Benjamin Welch, proxy H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh, H. P. Joseph Adams, proxy K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, proxy H. P.

After solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. Lyman Law, G. H. P.,
E. Laban Smith, D. G. H. P.,
E. Elizur Goodrich, Jr., G. K.,
E. Thomas Hubbard, G. S.,
E. Frederick Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

Appointed by G. H. P.

Rev. Sylvester Eaton, G. Chaplain,
Jeremy L. Cross, G. Marshal,
William G. Betts, G. Sentinel.

Appointed by the G. H. P., Lecturers at the expense of Chapters that may employ them.

Jeremy L. Cross,
James Cushman,
Andrew Harris.

A petition from sundry Companions of Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, and other Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, residing in the town of Washington and other towns adjacent, in the county of Litchfield, stating that said Chapter was formerly holden in the town of Woodbury; that they had so far run into a state of demise that there had been no convocation thereof for several years past; praying for liberty to remove the same from said Woodbury to said Washington; also engaging to pay all arrearages due from said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, on condition their petition should be granted. After considerable discussion,

Resolved, That said petitioners shall receive the charter of said Fidelity Chapter, and are hereby authorized and empowered to open a Chapter in

said town of Washington, having all the rights, powers and privileges annexed to it, as are contained in and by said charter, and to receive all the jewels and furniture thereof, which have been forfeited heretofore to the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That our worthy Companions Daniel N. Brinsmade be H. P., Timothy Mitchel, K., and that Daniel B. Brinsmade be S., agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

Resolved, That Companions James Ward, Jeremy Hoadley and Talcott Wolcott be and are hereby appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of our Companion Henry Champion, late Grand Treasurer, and see that the funds in his hands be transferred to our present Treasurer, Companion Frederick Lee.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to return their most cordial and sincere thanks to Companions Thomas H. Cushing, late Grand King, and to Henry Champion, late Grand Treasurer, for their faithful services in their respective offices, and extremely regret that they have declined any farther appointment to offices in this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the delegates appointed to represent this Grand Chapter in the next Great Grand Chapter of the United States, be directed to propose to said Great Grand Chapter to ascertain and fix the true era of Royal Arch Masonry.

After prayers, the Chapter was closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest, JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D. 1822, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2352.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown—Squire Dibble, John Gregory, Charles Sherman.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Naham Haywood, Almarine Haywood, Hector Humphrey, Henry Beecher, Daniel Monks.

Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby—George Blackman.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Daniel Averill, Ansel Coats, Reuben Ruggles, Roswell Allen, Gurdon Bill, Stephen Billings.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Frederick Morgan, Joseph Goff, Bliss Welch, Alanson B. Stannard, George B. Atwell (clerg.), Elkanah Williams, Joseph Goodrich (clerg.), George L. Chapman, Iarad Reed (clerg.), Sylvester Munger, Samuel H. Fox, Jonathan Dodge, James Gladding, Russel Williams, Jr., Henry Whitman, Stephen K. Fielding, Jonathan Usher.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Eli Ball (clerg.), George R. Miller, Elisha A. Cowles, Eli Foster, Miles Maucer.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—James Davis, Sabin K. Smith, Ephraim H. Babcock, Robert Holt, Bartholomew C. Baxter.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston—No exaltations.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Humphrey T. Fuller, William Webb, Horace Rose, William B. Sprague, Mason Cleveland, Hiram Rider, Benj. Hovey, Joseph P. Loomer.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford—Sylvester Eaton (clerg.), John W. Leeds.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—John F. Williams, Daniel Balch, Benjamin Allard, Moses Hardin, James B. Wilson, John Fowler, Nathaniel Jones, Hezekiah Olney, John A. Cleveland, William Dyer, Rufus Davison, Amos Chaffee, Armin Bolles, Calvin Barker, Luther Gauld, Ichabod Corbin, David C. Bolles.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Monson Hinman, James Allen, Jr., James Allen, 3d, Abijah Wallace, Benjamin S. Smith.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—No exaltations.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Chester Monson, Henry Higley, James Shepard, Buckley Hutchins, Daniel Norton, Hiel Rowley, Richard Hollister.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Elijah Peck, Jacob McCall, Samuel P. Bolls, Luman Wakefield, Phinehas Lord, Ebenezer B. Wetmore, Manly Peters, Heman W. Childs, Daniel Potter.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Horace Wadsworth, Denison Morgan, Chauncy Eddy (clerg.), William S. Rice, Levi Buckley, Nathan Colton, Salmon Phelps, Edwin M. Hollister, Nathan B. Burgess (clerg.), John L. Matthews (clerg.), Hiram R. Pettibone, George Jewett, Maltby G. Hillyer, Francis Hyde, Alexander Holcomb, Alexander A. Pomeroy, Charles Teley, Daniel Goodale, Jr., Asahel Morse (clerg.), Justus

D. Wilcox, Samuel Weed, Amos B. Roff, Marmaduke Vanmeter, Seymour Watrous, Julius Spring, Orin Martin.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS,

As Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 2352.

SUSPENDED—Ebenezer Hempsted, Ephraim Pendleton, J. W. Beach, Lemuel L. Palmer (by Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield).

EXPELLED—John Harrison (by Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich).

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1823.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 15th day of May, A. D., 1823, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2353.

PRESENT.

M. E. LYMAN LAW, G. H. P.,
E. LABAN SMITH, D. G. H. P.,
E. ELIZUR GOODRICH, G. K.,
E. THOMAS HUBBARD, G. S.,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. T.,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
JEREMY L. CROSS, G. Marshal,
Rev. MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Wheeler Fairchild, proxy S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. William H. Jones, K. David Kimberly, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Samuel French, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Thomas T. Wells, H. P. William P. Eaton, proxy S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Asa Bigelow, proxy H. P. George Way, K. John R. Watrous, proxy S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—John Lawrence Lewis, K.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Hezekiah Goddard, proxy H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Sturges Fanton, proxy K.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, S.

Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Daniel B. Brinsmade, H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simeon H. Minor, proxy H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Asa May, H. P. Ezra Childs, S.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Not represented.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Nathiel P. Perry, proxy H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—John Barney, H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh, H. P. Augustus F. Hull, proxy S.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Talcott Wolcott, H. P. George Putnam, K.

After devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, when our M. E. G. H. P., Lyman Law, in a short but very pathetic address, declined being considered as a candidate for appointment to the office which he now holds. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared duly elected to the several offices affixed to their respective names, viz..

M. E. Laban Smith, G. H. P.,
E. Elizur Goodrich, D. G. H. P.,
E. Thomas Hubbard, G. K.,
E. William H. Jones, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

Appointed by G. H. P.

Rev. Comp. Benjamin M. Hill, G. C.,
Comp. Jeremy L. Cross, G. M.,
Comp. William G. Betts, G. S.,
Comp. Darius Higgins, G. T.

Companion Jeremy L. Cross, G. Lecturer on the West side of Connecticut river, and Companion Andrew Harris do. on the East side of said river, appointed by G. H. P.; both to be paid for their services by the individual Chapters that shall employ them.

Resolved, Companion Jeremy L. Cross be requested to procure a suit of robes for the D. G. H. P., and the G. H. P. be authorized to draw on the G. Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our M. E. worthy Companion Lyman Law, late G. H. P. for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the various duties devolving on his office.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, Companion Henry Champion, made their report, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows, viz.:

We, your committee appointed to audit and adjust the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, and see that the funds in his hands be transferred to the present Grand Treasurer, respectfully report, that we have attended to the duties of our appointment, and have received from Companion Champion eighty-six dollars thirty-four cents, which we have delivered to the present Grand Treasurer, and have received his receipt, which is annexed.

HARTFORD, May 14, 1823.

Received of James Ward, Jeremy Hoadley and Talcott Wolcott, a committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, eighty-six dollars thirty-four cents, as Grand Treasurer, being the property of said Chapter, and subject to their order.

FREDERIC LEE, G. Treasurer.

Voted, That the G. H. P. be requested to appoint a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the next annual convocation.

He accordingly appointed Companions H. W. Edwards, W. H. Jones, J. L. Cross, a committee to perform this service.

No further business appearing, after solemn prayers by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was duly closed in harmony and fraternal affection, and adjourned to Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, A. D. 1823, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2353.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown—Woodward M. Todd, George Bradley, Amos Stare.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—James G. Percival, William E. Lathrop, Rev. John M. Garfield, John Handlin.

Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby—Cyrus Humphries, David M. Clark, Andrew Shelton, Jr., Harvy Osborn.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Peleg Hunt, Benjamin W. Davison, James Williams, Jr., Mason White.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—John L. Watrous, Jared S. Brainard, Alva Morgan, David B. Ventris, William T. Turner, Roswell Morgan.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Joseph Beaumont, William Nott, Samuel Babcock.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Francis West, Joshua Hamilton, Thaddeus Brooks, Jr., George Tubby, Gilbert A. Smith, Daniel B. Hempsted, Ebenezer Way, John W. Haughton, Robert Comstock, Christopher Manwarring.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding—Ira Baldwin, Gideon H. Osborn.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Hezekiah Baker, Chauncey F. Cleveland, Martin Lyman, Thomas Smith, Frederic A. Strong, Albert A. Badger, Hiram Cleveland, Charles Burwell, Rufus P. Spalding, Eli Bishop, John F. Judd, Benjamin Graives, Thomas Gray, William Wattles, Dexter M. Leonard, David L. Fuller.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington—Warren R. Fowler, Daniel A. Ryan, Anson Perkins, Mathew E. Mitchel, John Goodyear, Alva S. Warner, Joseph Wildman, Marvin Wheaton, Athiel Hickox, Avery Allen, Ely Platt.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Norwalk and Stamford—William Wilmot, Smith Scott, Sands Adams, Jonathan B. Waterbury, Gabriel W. Fowler, Isaac Quintard, Alfred Gorham, William S. Wood.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Samuel Dressor, Nelson Palmer, Chauncy Child, Amariah Preston, Albigence Marsh, Alfred Clark, Walter Felch, William Legg, Ersamus Pond, Joseph Underwood, Moses Buffum, Halder R. Green, Caled Thurston, Dyer Clark, Alvin Child, Charles Scott.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—Lewis W. Mills, Ezra Skiff, Nathan Skiff.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Rev. George L. Weed, Uriah Turner, Jasper W. Peet.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Asahel Beach, Eber S. Peters, W. E. Russell, Benjamin L. Chambers, Alanson Abbe, Abiel Taylor.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Jason L. Wolcott, Anson Colton, Benoni A. Sbepard, Samuel O. Holister, Deodat Taylor, Benoni B. Bacon, Phinehas Talcott, Jr., Hezekiah Davis, Merick S. P. Dean, Oliver Brainard, Marvin Dayton, Henry Dayton, Henry Phelps, Horace Goodwin, 2d, Rev. Banama English, William Worril, Hezekiah Seymour, Josephus Granger.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1824.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 13th day of May, A. D., 1824, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2354.

PRESENT.

M. E. LABAN SMITH, G. H. P.,
E. ELIZUR GOODRICH, Jr., D. G. H. P.,
E. THOMAS HUBBARD, G. K.,
E. WILLIAM H. JONES, G. S.,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. T.,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.
Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*,
JEREMY L. CROSS, Capt. Host, *pro tem.*

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Blackman, H. P. Squire Dibble, proxy K.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Laban Smith, H. P. James Carrington, proxy K. William H. Ellis, proxy S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Merrit Bradley, H. P. Harry Osborn, proxy S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Thomas G. Wells, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—John R. Watrous, proxy H. P. Samuel H. Fox, K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Samuel Simons, H. P. John L. Lewis, K. Joshua Stow, proxy S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—John French, proxy H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Ira Baldwin, S.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—John Baldwin, proxy H. P.

Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Daniel R. Brinsmade, H. P. Warren R. Fowler, proxy K.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Nathan Camp, H. P. Edwin Hoyt, proxy K. Amzi Camp, proxy S.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Darius Matthewson, proxy H. P. Thomas Hubbard, proxy S.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Rev. A. Baldwin, proxy H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Nathaniel P. Perry, proxy H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—John Barney, H. P. Luther Ticknor, proxy K.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh, H. P. Joseph Adams, K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—George Putnam, K.

After very solemn, devout and pertinent prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. Laban Smith, G. H. P.,
E. Elizur Goodrich, Jr., D. G. H. P.,
E. Thomas Hubbard, G. K.,
E. William H. Jones, G. S,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were made by the G. H. P., viz.:

Rev. Comp. Benjamin M. Hill, G. C.,
Comp. Jeremy L. Cross, G. M.,
Comp. William G. Betts, G. S.,
Comp. Augustus Andrus, G. T.

All the above named officers—those chosen by the Chapter and those appointed by the G. H. P.—were severally installed into their respective offices, with a lecture and charge suitably adapted to each by the G. H. P.

The Grand Secretary reported that Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport, was neither represented or returns made to the last Grand Convocation; whereupon the representative of that Chapter having stated the causes of those omissions, and now made returns and paid the dues from said Chapter, the penalties were remitted.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary with the Grand Chapter, made the following report, viz.: "that they have attended to the duty assigned them; they find the receipts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, during the years 1822 and 1823, amount to four hundred thirty-seven dollars. They also find the Grand Secretary, during the same period, has paid over to the Grand Treasurer four hundred thirty-one dollars, leaving a balance unaccounted for by the Grand Secretary of six dollars, and which, from the circumstances accompanying the receipts and payments, they are satisfied has arisen from the fact that some of the exaltations have been of clergymen, who pay no fee, and have not been entered as such. The committtee also find that there is a balance now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer and due the Grand Chapter of two hundred sixty-two dollars fourteen cents."

A petition from sundry Companions in the county of Tolland, praying for the establishment of a new Chapter in the town of Tolland, in said county, was presented and read. After considerable discussion,

Resolved, That the by-law relative to the distance of Chapters be dispensed with, and that the petitioners be formed into a just and regular Chapter, to be convoked and holden in the town of Tolland aforesaid, with all the powers, privileges and immunities thereto belonging, to be known and designated by the name of Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, and that our excellent Companion Ingoldsby W. Crawford be the first High Priest, John Fitch first King, and Jasper Gillet first Scribe, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners, and that a charter be granted accordingly.

A petition of sundry individuals, Companions of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby, praying for a removal of the same from said Derby to Oxford for two years, was presented and read. After lengthy discussion, and by permission of the Grand Chapter, it was withdrawn.

Companions James Ward and Jeremy Hoadly were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report to the next Grand Convocation.

No further business appearing, after solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D., 1824, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2354.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown—David Dobles.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Curtis M. Doolittle, Henry Peck, Justin Redfield, George Bostwick, Thomas W. Thomas, Edward H. Leffingwell, William Barth, Augustus R. Street, Linus Child.

Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby—Henry C. Atwood, Treat Bradley, Thomas Prentice, Jr.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—George Lester, Robert Kinne, John Dunham, Albemarle H. Washburn, John H. Grace, Rev. David H. Bentley, Lucius Tyler, Matthew G. Wilbur.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Edwin N. Bridges, Ralph Gilbert, Rev. Simeon W. Beckwith, Franklin Kedge.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Benjamin Smith, Rufus Bailey, Dennis Tryon, Joseph Deiggs, Rev. Edward I. Ives, William P. Hall, Merrils Ward, Caleb Miller, Jr., Rev. James A. Boswell, Jacob Roberts, Dana Reed, Rev. James B. Taylor, Nelson Thayer, Solomon Jones, Jr., William Merriam, Jr.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—William H. Young, John Danforth, Daniel G. Thacher, John L. King, Isaac Shepard.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding—Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, John B. Merrit, Preston Durand, Robert Turney, Justice Thomson.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Chauncey Burgess, Timothy Dimmock, Chester C. Strickland, Sherman McLean, Rev. Cornelius B. Everest, Erastus Smith, George Perkins, Lester Ford, Caleb Howard, Eliphlet Brown, Samuel Manning, George W. Wolcot, Abijah Ford, Rev. Elias Sharpe.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington—Jabez T. Warner.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford and Norwalk—Edwin Hoyt, Stephen Smith, Amzi Camp.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Parley Fox, Ebenezer Williams, Jonathan S. Hervy, Jesse Eddy, John Paine, Joseph Bedlow, Stephen F. Burnham, Patrick Carpenter, Ebenezer Knight, Nehemiah K. Aldrich,

Henry Wells, Jr., Asa Lyon, Jonathan Converse, Willard Porks, Valentine Owsney, Henry Clark, Erastus Sumner, John Cady, Harvey Sessions.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—William L. Peet, Joseph A. Nicholls, George W. Lewis.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—Elijah Barton, Joseph N. Stone, Peter Clear, Myron Harrison.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Benjamin Brooks, Joshua W. Staunton, Guy Loomis, Orrin Huggins, Remus M. Fowler, Luther Ticknor, William Burt, John Gibson, Jr., Harvey Treat, Noah S. Martin, John Elmore, Jr., Abijah C. Peet, Rev. Judah T. Abrams, Albert Moore, Calvin Chapman, Horace K. Hubbard, Lewis L. Peet, John Barnes, Warren Bunall, Jefferson B. Bingham, Frederick F. Root, George Kellogg, John R. Bristol, Silas Cook, Lyman F. Loveland, John A. Shepard, Joseph Amadon, Hiram Jackson, Watson Northrup, Isaac T. Hollister, Hiram Moses.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Samuel R. Childs, Alfred Brooks, Edward E. Porter, Elisha Hempsted, James H. Hitchcock, Lucius Bradley, Edward Seymour, Bryant Stoddard.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Ebenezer Pinny, Horace Wolcott, Elisha Bigelow, Chauncey Benton, Grove Goodrich, William T. Lee, William Seymour, William H. Hoadley, Lot Pinny, Rockwell Hoskins, Matthew C. Cadwell, Josiah C. Banning, Amos Beecher, Jr., Samuel Holt, Anson Spellman.

Suspension—By Hiram Chapter, No. 2, New Haven, Oliver Steele, for one year from the 11th of March, 1824.

Expulsion—By Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, Christopher Dewey, Elisha Tucker.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1825.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 12th day of May, A. D. 1825, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2355.

PRESENT.

M. E. LABAN SMITH, G. H. P.,
R. E. ELIZUR GOODRICH, Jr., D. G. H. P.,
E. THOMAS HUBBARD, G. K.,
E. WILLIAM JONES, G. Scribe,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. Treasurer,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. MENZIES RAYNER, G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*,
E. ASA CHILD, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. WILLIAM P. EATON, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1	Daniel Blackman, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2	Laban Smith, H. P. Andrew Kidston, proxy K. David Kimberly, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3	Jeremiah French, H. P. James Smith, proxy K. Samuel Wise, proxy S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4	Asa Child, H. P. William P. Eaton, proxy S. Lucius Tyler, proxy K.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5	Samuel H. Fox, H. P. Amherst D. Scovill, K. John R. Watrous, proxy S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6	John Lawrence Lewis, H. P. Pliny Hamet, proxy K. Hezekiah L. Hosmer, proxy S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7	Nathaniel S. Perkins, proxy H. P. Frederic Lee, S.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8	Stephen Wheeler, proxy H. P.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Daniel B. Brinsmade, H. P. Manly Peters, K.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simeon H. Miner, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, proxy K. David C. Bolls, proxy S. Lovin Brown, proxy H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons, H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—John Barney, proxy H. P. James Shepard, proxy K.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh, proxy H. P. Frederick Buel, proxy K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Thomas K. Brace, H. P. Asa Farewell, K. Joseph Church, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Ingoldsby W. Crawford, H. P. Jeremiah Parish, proxy K.

After solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, when a very pertinent address was made by our M. E. G. H P., Laban Smith, in which he declined any farther appointment to that office. The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing; after the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. Elizur Goodrich, Jr., G. H. P.,
R. E. Thomas Hubbard, D. G. H. P.,
E. William H. Jones, G. K.,
E. Andrew Harris, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. S.,

The past G. H. P. presented the G. H. P. elect with his robe and jewels of office, accompanied by a well adapted lecture and charge on the various duties devolving on him in his present office.

The several officers were then invested with their various jewels, and lectures well adapted to each by the G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest then appointed

Rev. and E. Hector Humphrey, G. Chaplain,
E. Asa Child, G. Marshal,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. Sentinel,
Darius Higgins, G. Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and found the accounts fairly and correctly stated, and there is now (May 11th, 1825,) in the hands of the Treasurer four hundred and nine dollars thirty-three cents; which report was accepted and approved.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M E. Laban Smith, Past Grand High Priest, for the able, impartial and correct manner in which he has presided over the same during his continuance in office.

Petition from sundry Companions residing in Ridgefield, county of Fairfield, and its vicinity, praying for the establishment of a new Chapter in said town, was presented and read. After some discussion,

Resolved, That the By-Law of this Grand Chapter respecting the distance of Chapters, one from the other, be dispensed with, and the petition granted; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a charter forming them into a just and regular Chapter, by the name and style of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, to be holden in said town of Ridgefield; and that our beloved and excellent Companions, Jeremiah Mead, be first High Priest, David Banks, first King, William Crocker, first Scribe, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

A petition of sundry Companions residing in the town of Oxford, county of New Haven, praying for the establishment of a new Chapter in said town, was presented and read; against which a remonstrance, signed by a number of Companions residing in the town of Derby, was also presented and read. And after many and various remarks had been made,

Resolved, That the consideration of said petition, and everything relative to the subject thereof, be postponed to the next annual Grand Convocation.

A petition from a number of Companions residing in the town of Stonington, county of New London, and its vicinity, praying for the establishment of a Chapter in said town, was presented and read. After some remarks on the subject,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of said petition be postponed to the next annual Grand Convocation.

The petition from sundry Companions residing in the town of Granby, in the county of Hartford, and its vicinity, praying for the establishment

of a Chapter in said town, was presented and read. After lengthy discussion,

Resolved, That the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter respecting the distance of one Chapter from another be dispensed with, and their petition be granted; and the Grand Secretary is directed to issue a charter forming them into a just and regular Chapter, to be holden in said Granby, with all the powers, privileges and immunities to a Chapter belonging, to be known and designated by the name and style of LaFayette Chapter, No. 20; and our well beloved and excellent Companions Joseph F. Jewett be first High Priest, Daniel B. Holcomb, first King, and Joab Griffin, Jr., first Scribe, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

Grand Chapter adjourned to 4 o'clock this day.

The memorial and representation of Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, respecting omissions in religious masonic services, was introduced and read. After various observations were made thereon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee consisting of our most excellent Grand High Priest, our excellent Companions, Rev. Hector Humphrey, Thomas Hubbard, William W. Boardman and Frederic Morgan, who are requested to take the subject into serious and deliberate consideration, and report their result thereon to the next annual Grand Convocation.

On the petition of Oliver C. Hurd, of Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown, praying for some pecuniary charitable relief, stating many and various misfortunes to which he has been subjected. The several facts stated in the petition being fully proved,

Resolved, That thirty dollars from the funds of the Grand Chapter be placed in the hands of our Reverend Companion, Daniel Burhans, and at his discretion applied for the benefit of said Hurd; and if consistent, in such way and manner as will secure to him the use of his blacksmith shop and tools during his natural life.

Resolved, That our M. E. G. H. P., and such one or more Companions as he may elect, to be a committee to draft the form of a charter for new Chapters; also a form of a charter for those Chapters who have procured charters from abroad, previous to the organization of this Grand Chapter; which said forms the Grand Secretary is directed to enter on the books of this Grand Chapter.

Companions Laban Smith and Charles A. Ingorsell were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the next annual Grand Convocation.

No farther business appearing, after solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D. 1825, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2355.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown—Martin Mead, Matthew K. Gilbert, Alvy Taylor, Comfort Whetlock, John Marsh, Marcus B. Somers, Rufus Skidmore.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—James Eaton, Grove Smith, Anson T. Colt, Joel Potter, David Davis, Joseph D. Wooster.

Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby—John Lumn, Clark Nettleton.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Russel Hibbard, Horace N. Tracy.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Eliphlet Treadway, Rev. William Jarvis, John Graves.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Hezekiah L. Hosmer, James F. Andrus, Andrew W. Henshaw, Charles Dyer, Thomas W. Morrison, Pliny Hammant, Nelson C. Daniels, Hiram Barton, John Smith, Giles Brainard, Jr., Richard Fermer, Mark W. Johnson, Augustus P. Jones, William Covey, William R. Smith.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Alfred A. Wood, Henry N. Allen, Lodowick Fosdick, James Lamphier, Charles Bolles, Levi Case.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston—Rev. Eli Wheeler, Stephen Wheeler, Sturges B. Johnson, Jonathan Crofoot, Joshua Adams, Jr., Abel Wakelee, Nash Couch, Charles Baldwin.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Philip McKenzie, Samuel B. Goddard, William Levally, John C. Eldridge, Zina G. Payne, Justin Swift, Horace Dunlap.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington—Rev. Charles A. Boardman, Joseph Whittlesey, Cornelius Hamlin, Stephen Cogswell, Daniel B. Calhoon, Constantine McMahon, Joshua C. Hatch, Joel Bishop, Rev. Benj.

B. Smith, Henry H. Fowler, David W. Norton, David C. Whittlesey, Lewis Hickox, Daniel Tuttle, Charles B. Clark.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford and Norwalk—Amzi Camp, Edwin Hoyt, Stephen Smith, Thomas Reed, John McLane.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—John Champion, Dyer Clark, John Witter, John Kent, Ichabod Bulkley, Erastus Spaulding, Rev. William W. Hunt, Calvin Gould, Cyrus Falkner, Samuel Prescott.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Eliphalet W. Bradley, Hosea Edwards.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Daniel S. Clapp, Solyman Russel, Edward F. Ensign, Benjamin Welch, Jr., Elizur Dowd, Andrew H. Smith, Francis Knapp, Frederick Plumb, Stephen Holt, 2d, Joshua Cornwall, Benjamin Catlin, Chester G. Birge, Rev. Roswell Pettibone, Henry P. Leonard, Obediah Pease, David Lyman, Rev. Stephen Peet, John F. Warner, Joshua Bolls, Horatio N. Wetheral, Henry Belcher, George Carr.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Samuel Doolittle, Benjamin Kilbourn, Henry Bissel, Alvin Loomis, Frederick A. King, John Peters, Orris G. Phelps.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—William C. Gay, John Cross, Mulin Merrill, Israel Harman, Jr., George A. Owen, Albert Kent, Joel Booth, Jr., John Chubbuck, Harvey Terry, Solomon Terry, Jr., Ira Smith, Jonathan Button, Jr., Benjamin H. Norton, David F. Robinson, Rev. Amasa Holcomb, Ansel Humphrey, Orrin B. Freeman, Decius Humphrey.

Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland—Horatio Dow, Elijah Chapman, Jr., Jeremiah Parish, Ebenezer Smith, Ariel Ladd, Myron H. Morgan, Luther Eaton, Solomon L. Griggs, Joseph Sibley, Rev. Joseph Knight, Alden L. Skinner, Charles S. Thomson, Solomon Billings, Jr., John Warren, Jr., Harry Cogswell, Benjamin G. Evans, Edward Marcey, Martin Tupper, Ashael Hubbard.

Suspension—By Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven, Ebenezer Hopson.

Expulsion—By Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, Thomas D. Verrel.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1826.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 11th day of May, A. D., 1826, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2356.

PRESENT.

R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD, D. G. H. P., G. H. P. *pro tem.*,
E. WILLAM H. JONES, D. G. H. P. *pro tem.*,
E. ANDREW HARRIS, G. K. *pro tem.*,
E. ASA CHILD, G. S. *pro tem.*,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. T.,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREY, G. Chaplain,
E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. Marshal *pro tem.*,
E. JEREMY L. CROSS, G. Sentinel *pro tem.*,
DARIUS HIGGINS, Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—	Ira R. Wildman, H. P. Daniel Blackman, K. David Sherman, proxy S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—	William H. Jones, H. P. Augustus R. Street, K. Charles A. Ingersoll, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—	James Smith, proxy H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—	Asa Child, H. P. Lucius Tyler, proxy S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—	Samuel H. Fox, H. P. A. D. Scovil, K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—	Horace Clark, H. P. Charles Dyer, proxy S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—	Lyman Law, proxy H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—	Ira Baldwin, H. P. Stephen Wheeler, K. Richard O. Ely, prox. S.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, H. P. Vine Hovey, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—D. B. Brinsmade, H. P. John M. Waite, proxy K.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Nathan Camp, H. P. Phineas Miller, K.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—D. Matthewson, proxy H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons, H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Philo Mills, K. Russel Millard, proxy S.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—John Barney, proxy H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—George Dewy, proxy K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Noah A. Phelps, H. P.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—John Fitch, H P. Hiram Rider, proxy K. Jeremiah Parish proxy S.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Jeremiah Mead, H. P. David Banks, K. Frederick S. Wildman, proxy S.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Frederick W. Jewett, proxy H. P.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—Coddington Billings, H. P. Thomas W. Wells, K.

After a very solemn, devout, and well adapted prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form; when a communication was received from our Most Excellent Companion Elizur Goodrich, Jr., Grand High Priest, returning his most cordial and sincere thanks for the honor done him in his appointment to that office; also stating that he was about to remove his residence into the State of New York, therefore wishing not to be considered as a candidate to the appointment of any office in this Grand Chapter.

The Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. Thomas Hubbard, G. H. P.,
R. E. William H. Jones, D. G. H. P.,
E. Andrew Harris, G. K.,
E. Asa Child, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. S.

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest, viz.:

E. I. W. Crawford, G. Marshal,
E. S. Simons, G. Sentinel,
Rev. H. Humphreys, G. Chaplain,
Asahel Saunders, } Grand Stewards,
Asa Farwell, }
Azor Hatch, G. Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and found their accounts fairly and correctly stated, and that all the money received by the Grand Secretary within the past year has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and there is now in his hands (May 10th,) and due Grand Chapter eight hundred and seven dollars thirty-seven cents; which report was accepted and approved.

The petition from sundry Companions residing in Stonington, county of New London, and its vicinity, which was continued from the last Grand Convocation, was introduced and read. After some discussion it was granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a charter forming them into a just and regular Chapter, by the name and style of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, to be holden in said town of Stonington; and that our excellent and well beloved Companions Coddington Billings be High Priest, Thomas T. Wells to be King, and William Williams, Scribe, agreeably to the prayers of said petitioners.

A similar petition was also introduced from a number of Companions residing in the town of Oxford, county of New Haven, and its vicinity, which had been continued from the last Grand Convocation; which was introduced, read and after some discussion granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a charter forming them into a regular and just Chapter, by the name and style of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, to be holden in said town of Oxford; and that our excellent and well beloved Companions Samuel Wire to be High Priest, Chauncey M. Hatch to be King, and David M. Clark to be Scribe, of said Chapter, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

A like petition from the Companions residing in the town of Waterbury, county of New Haven, and its vicinity, which had been continued from the last Grand Convocation, was presented, read and granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a charter forming them into a just and regular Chapter by the name and style of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 23, to be holden in said town of Waterbury; and that our excellent and well beloved Companions James M. L. Scovil to be High Priest, Austin Sperry, King, and Marcus Botsford, Scribe, agreeably to the prayers of said petitioners.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation on the memorial and representation of Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, made their report, which is as follows, viz.:

That one ground of their said memorial, to wit, that an expression in the funeral service may be construed as a prayer for the dead, has been entirely removed. An expression was contained in the early editions of the Masonic Chart which might possibly bear a construction that could not be approved, and it was therefore expunged. The expression had descended from the ancient forms, but your committee know of no similar expressions in the service, at which exceptions of this kind could be justly taken. The other part of said memorial stated that no direct allusions or addresses in our public forms of prayer are made to the Saviour of men, and that the Masonic institution is exposed, in consequeuce, to the suspicion of being no more than some modification of natural religion or heathenism. On this subject, your committee are of opinion that the Bible is the Great and True Light in Masonry—that this Great Light consists of successive Revelations of the will of God to mankind, and that those Masons who profess the whole volume of this Divine truth are bound to revere the precepts of the New Testament no less than those of the Ancient Book of the Law. Your committee are, therefore, of the opinion that it is competent for this Grand Chapter to advise all Christian Masons to offer their prayers to Almighty God only in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest of our salvation, with assurances that such offerings only are acceptable at our hands. Your committee have examined, however, the Masonic Chart (which is the only Book of Masonry publicly accredited by this Grand Chapter, and of course the only one with which it is our province to interfere), and we find that the Saviour of mankind is directly named in different parts of the religious services, as "our Great High Priest," "the Sun of Righteousness," "the Redeemer," "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah," all which is plainly made known that we acknowledge Him as the great Atoning Sacrifice for the sins of the world.

It is not believed, therefore, that from the established religious services of this Grand Chapter any inferences of the kind expressed in said memorial can be justly drawn. This exposition of the facts of the case is all that your committee have thought necessary to submit to this Grand Chapter, leaving it to their wisdom to dispose of the subject as they shall see to be proper and expedient.

HECTOR HUMPHREY, Grand Chaplain,
In behalf of a majority of the committee as well as for himself.

On motion it was

Resolved, That this report be accept and approved, and that this Grand Chapter approve of all the alterations and amendments on these subjects

adopted into the third edition of the Masonic Chart; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to have the report published and distributed to the subordinate Chapters and elsewhere.

Voted, That the petition of Rittenhouse Chapter be continued to the next Grand Convocation, and a committee be appointed to enquire into subject matter of the petition, at the expense of the petitioners, and report make with their opinion thereon.

The committee appointed are Companions William H. Jones, Laban Smith and Frederic Lee.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to purchase suitable robes for the officers of the Grand Chapter, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars.

On motion,

Voted, to approve of the form of a charter for new Chapters presented to this Grand Chapter.

On motion,

Voted, That the petitioners from Rittenhouse Chapter have liberty to withdraw their petition.

The memorial and representation from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was introduced; whereupon

Voted, That the same be referred to a committee to investigate the subject matter thereof, and make report, with their opinion thereon, to the next Grand Convocation.

Committee appointed: Companions James Ward and Rev. Hector Humphrey.

On motion,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to revise, alter, or correct the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and report their proceedings in the premises to the next Grand Convocation.

Committee appointed are Companions John R. Watrous, Amherst D. Scovill and David Deming.

Voted, That this Grand Chapter pay the sum of fifteen dollars for the use of the Masonic Hall, in the Tontine buildings, in New Haven, to those authorized to receive the same, whenever the room shall be used by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported that Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, was not represented at the last Grand Convocation. The reasons for this omission having been fully stated, on motion,

Voted, That the penalty be remitted.

On motion,

Voted, That in future one dollar only shall be paid on every exaltation reported to Grand Chapter.

Companions James Ward and Noah A. Phelps be a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary for the year ensuing, and report to the next Grand Convocation.

No farther business appearing, after solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, A. D. 1826, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2356.

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown—Starr Ferry, Czar Taylor, John Foot, David Sherman, Horace M. Shepard, Henry S. Hubbel, Henry Sherman, William Hayes, Jotham B. Hawley, John Wallace, Henry Judson, Alexander Hall, Hawley Judd.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Avery C. Babcock, Timothy P. Beers, Aaron Miller, Sherman Converse, Orrin D. Squire, Samuel P. Russel, James W. Frisbie, Eliphalet G. Storer, Peter L. Armstrong, Thomas G. Woodward, Elihu Hitchcock.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Apheus Kingsley, Jr., Stephen L. Hommedieu, Rev. Seth B. Paddock, Charles K. Palmer.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Jonathan Hilliard, Joshua B. Wheeler, Edward S. Blakeslee, Marshall Green, Russel Chapman.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Charles B. Darrow, Wanzes White, Thomas Brown, Alanson Works, Barzilla H. Porter, William T. Brainard.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Elisha A. Baker, Hubbard H. Burrows, Frederick B. Ashby, Thomas Ryley, James Loomis, John B. Durkee, Rev. Thomas W. Coit.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding—Andrew Comstock, Wakeman Smith, Eli H. Fennor, David Sanford, Eli Mallory, David Patchen, Samuel Brown, John M. Hart, Rev. Nathaniel Freeman, Rev. Richard V. Dey, James Baldwin, James Lewis.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Augustus K. White, Jabez L. White, Alonzo W. Birge, Rev. Chester Tilden, Martin Safford, Ogden Kingsley, John M. Woodworth, Chester Perkins, Hezekiah Edgerter.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington—Charles B. Foot.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Norwalk and Stamford—Rev. William Wilcox, Rev. Stanton S. Burdick, Henry W. Smith.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Amasa Bond, Daniel G. Levermore, Ithran Harris, John W. Whipple, Samuel C. Butler, Stephen Learned, Atemas G. Metcalf, Samuel Fenner, Peter Chandler, Horace Whitaker, Rufus Matthewson, George Johnson, Silas Blake, Zebina Irving, Joseph L. Freeman, Henry Boyden, Daniel Irving.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Barak I. Nichols, John Yale.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—Welcome Geer, Walter Randall.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Stephen L. Holt, Myron Gaylord, Rev. Leonard E. Lathrop, John Delamatter, Benajah Ticknor, John B. Brush, Solyman C. Smith, David Munsan, Amasa Kellogg, William W. Peet, Wolcoot Turner, Simeon Granger, Sewell W. Abbot, Horatio G. Van Deusen.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Samuel R. Gold, John H. Collins, John M. West, Eben N. Thompson, Amasa N. Chapin, James W. Seymour, Chauncey M'Call, Phineas B. Cook, Horace Gregory, Samuel Chapin, William North, Alfred French, Solomon Parker, Samuel C. Brayman.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Horace Metcalf, Gilbert Allen, Solomon E. Moore, Luther Higley, Frederick Humphrey, Jr., Allen Rudd, Horace Harvey, Austin Stemson, Walter Robinson, Howel W. Brown.

Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland—Jonathan Clark, Asa Willy, Hezekiah King, Silvester Glazier, Chester Chapman, Wadsworth Harrison, Sidney Grant, Loren P. Waldo, Hezekiah Cady, Oliver Grant, George A. Howard, John H. Holton, Sanford Grant, Charles Burbridge, Zenas Leonard, Samuel Leach, Jeremy Bliss, William Brown, Rev. Paziel P. Fuller, Shubael Dimmock, jr., Parley Hughes,

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield—Samuel Church, Thomas Holingshead, Erastus S. Bouton, Walter Dauchy, Philip Bradley, Nathan Olmstead, Lockwood Osborn, Benjamin Pinney, Seth Deforest, Lewis A. Hewet, Curtiss Betts, David Keeler, Gamaliel Smith, William Beers, Frederick Wildman.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—George Norton, Joseph Smith, Elihu E. Holcomb, Thames Wilcox, David Adams, 2d, Sabin Ford, Thadeus A. Carter, Arunah Case, Luke C. Prouty, Harry Holcomb, Dayton Spencer, Thomas Belden, Jr., George C. Owen, Calvin Dibble, Stephen Sage, Jr., Thomas Spring, Hiram F. Chapin.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Edmund Fanning, Joshua Sandford, Benjamin Pendleton, Samuel F. Denison, John W. Palmer, Richard Burnitt, 2d, Joseph Cotrill, John S. Burrows, Hiram Clift, Elam Eldridge, William Leeds, Caleb Burrows, Rev. Levi Walker, Stephen Burrows, Zeba D. Palmer, William A. Fanning, Rev. Gideon B. Perry, Thomas M. Brown, Eldridge DeWolf, William Kemp, Thomas P. Stanton, Henry Ashby, Roswell R. Avery, James P. Sheffield, William Robinson, Thomas P. Mattles, Thomas P. Breed, Richard F. Loper, Francis Amy, William S. Williams, Daniel Mason, Lyman Dudley, Benjamin G. Fry, Ephraim Williams, William Williams.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, having been at work under a dispensation from the M. E. G. H. P. since June last, made their report to this Grand Convocation, which was accepted, approved and a charter granted.

Expulsions—By Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, Oliver Tubbs; by Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester, Alanson B. Stannard.

Suspended—By Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret, Gardner Reed.

Restored—By Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, Perry M. Haskell.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1827.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1827, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2357.

PRESENT.

M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD, G. H. P.,
R. E. WILLIAM H. JONES, D. G. H. P.,
E. ANDREW HARRIS, G. K.,
E. ASA CHILD, G. S.,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. T.,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. Rev. HECTOR HUMPHREY, G. Chaplain,
E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. Marshal,
E. SAMUEL N. SIMONS, G. Sentinel,
AZOR HATCH, G. Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Adoniram Fairchild, proxy H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Jones, H. P. Augustus Street, K. Timothy P. Beers, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—George Blackman, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Asa Child, H. P. Lucius Tyler, S.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Amherst D. Scovill, H. P. John L. Watrous, S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Charles Dyer, S.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Dyer T. Brainard, proxy H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—Stephen Wheeler, H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Chauncey Burgess, proxy H. P. Frederic A. Strong, proxy K. Sherman McLean, proxy S.

Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Daniel B. Brinsmade, proxy H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Charles Hawley, H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Ezra Child, H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons, H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Nathaniel P. Perry, proxy K.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Luther Ticknor, H. P. John Barney, proxy K.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phinehas Taylor, K. Samuel R. Child, proxy S.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Noah A. Phelps, H. P. Nathan Colton, K. Seymour Watrous, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—John Fitch, H. P. Owen Holt, S.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—David Keeler, proxy H. P.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Joseph F. Jewett, H. P. Hiram R. Pettibone, proxy K. Abner Case, S.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—Thomas T. Wells, H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Samuel Wire, H. P.
Mount Moriah Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 23—
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 24—Thomas M. Gregory, proxy S.

After a very solemn, devout and well adapted prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, and proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. Thomas Hubbard, G. H. P.,
R. E. William H. Jones, D. G. H. P.,
E. Andrew Harris, G. K.,
E. Asa Child, G. S.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest, viz.:

E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. Marshal,
E. Samuel Simons, G. Sentinel,
E. Rev. Cornelius B. Everest, G. Chaplain,
E. William H. Ellis, } Stewards,
E. Phillip Saunders, }
Darius Higgins, Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, reported that they had carefully attended to the duties of their appointment, and found that all the monies received by the Secretary had been punctually paid over to the Treasurer, and that there is now in his hands, and due Grand Chapter, the sum of one thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and seven cents; which report was accepted and approved.

The committee appointed to revise and correct the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, made their report. After having been read and minutely considered, with some small alterations, was accepted and approved; whereupon

Ordered, That three hundred copies be printed and distributed to the several Chapters in this State and elsewhere, together with the Constitution of the Great Grand Chapter of the United States; the expense whereof shall be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

The petition presented by the Companions residing in the town of Danbury, in the county of Fairfield, and its vicinity, to the last Grand Convocation, and postponed to this time, was introduced, read, and after some discussion granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a charter, forming them into a just and regular Chapter, to be known and designated by the name of Eureka Chapter, No. 24, and holden in said town of Danbury; and that our excellent and well beloved Companions Ebenezer Nichols be first High Priest, Oliver Shepard, first King, and Ira Wildman to be first Scribe, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

The petition presented by the Companions residing in the town of Norwalk, county of Fairfield, and its vicinity, was presented, read, and after lengthy discussion granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a charter forming them into a just and regular Chapter, to be known and designated by the name of Washington Chapter, No. 25, and holden in said town of Norwalk; and our excellent and well beloved Companions Henry Selleck be first High Priest, Phinehas Miller, first King, and Stephen Smith to be first Scribe, agreeably to the prayer of said petitioners.

A petition, or representation, was presented from sundry Companions of

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington, stating many difficulties which had arisen in said Chapter; and after some discussion,

Resolved, That said representation or petition be continued; and that there be a committee appointed to investigate the subject matter thereof, at the expense of said Chapter, with full power and authority to hear, investigate and settle all difficulties referred to in said representation or petition, whose decision shall be final and conclusive; and all proceedings of said Chapter shall be stayed until such decision is had; *provided, however*, that they may meet to appoint an agent or agents to manage their concerns before said committee; *provided also*, that such decision shall be made within two months after the close of this Grand Chapter. The committee will give due and seasonable notice to said Chapter of the time when, and place where they will attend to the duties of their appointment.

The committee appointed or agreed upon on the subject above mentioned are our excellent Companions John R. Watrous, Laban Smith, Amherst D. Scovil, John Fitch and Ingoldsby W. Crawford.

The committee appointed to consider the best mode of investing the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter, made the following report, viz.: "That in their opinion the best mode of investing these funds is to purchase the stock of the New Haven bank, and they recommend that, for the purpose of making such investment secure; this Grand Chapter apply to the Legislature, now in session, for an act of incorporation, or have those funds so invested through the agency of the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, to the amount of one thousand dollars;" which report was accepted and approved.

Voted, That our excellent Companions Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Thomas Hubbard and Charles Hawley be and they are hereby appointed a committee to petition the honorable, the Legislature of this State, now in session, for an act of incorporation of this Grand Chapter, so far as will enable them to hold and secure their funds.

Voted, That the committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation, on the communications from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, be released from any further service thereon, the General Grand Chapter of the United States having recently determined on the subject matter of said communication.

The petition of Charles Washburn, a worthy, unfortunate, needy Companion, praying for some pecuniary aid from this Grand Chapter, was presented and read. After a few remarks,

Voted, That fifty dollars from the funds of this Grand Chapter be deposited in the hands of Companion Noah A. Phelps, and at his discretion paid over to the said Washburn for his relief.

Companions William H. Jones and William H. Ellis were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make report to the next Grand Convocation.

No further business appearing, after solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT,

AS REVISED MAY, 1827.

ARTICLE I.

The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America is adopted and approved by this Grand Chapter, and this Grand Chapter, its officers and members, and the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, and their officers and members, shall conform thereto, and the same shall be printed and distributed with the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall be governed by a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which officers shall be elected by ballot, at the annual convocation in May, and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and the three presiding officers of the respective Chapters in this State, for the time being, shall be members of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

A Grand Convocation of the members of the Chapter shall be holden annually on the second Thursday following the first Wednesday of May, at Hartford and New Haven alternately, and the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest respectively, for the time being, may at any time order a special convocation, to be holden at such place as they shall severally think proper to appoint, giving the members at least ten days' notice.

ARTICLE V.

The Grand Chapter shall have power to constitute Chapters, grant charters and dispensations, under the sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Chapter to such charter or dispensation.

ARTICLE VI.

The several Chapters in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters; and each Chapter that shall be hereafter constituted by this Grand Chapter shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, ninety dollars, and a fee of ten dollars to the Grand Secretary, before receiving their charter.

ARTICLE VII.

The Grand Chapter shall superintend the general police of the respective Chapters in this State, and shall order and direct the particular and uniform mode of exaltation, and shall hear and determine on all appeals of Companions regularly taken from the decisions of any Chapter, and shall affirm or reverse such decision, whole or in part, as they shall deem meet and proper.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe severally to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Masters, Past Masters, Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch Masons, and to make themselves masters of the several Masonic lectures and ancient charges; whose right and duty it shall be, as often as opportunity presents, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in this State, and to give such lectures and instructions as will tend to the most proper and uniform mode of working, always adhering to the ancient land-marks of the order.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall demand and receive for each exaltation (excepting on the exaltation of a clergyman, who may be exalted gratis), at least twenty dollars, viz.: four dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Arch, and eight dollars for the Arch; whereof shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, one dollar for each exaltation.

ARTICLE X.

The several Chapters in this State shall be represented in each convocation of the Grand Chapter by one or more of the three first presiding officers of the respective Chapters, or by their regular proxies, and shall

make their returns to the Grand Chapter, according to the By-Laws thereof, under a penalty for neglect to do so (at the discretion of the Grand Chapter), which penalty shall not exceed eight dollars.

ARTICLE XI.

The respective Chapters in this State shall make out and transmit to the G. C. annually, at their convocation in May, the names of the three presiding officers of their respective Chapters, together with the number and names of all new exalted Companions during the then preceding year.

ARTICLE XII.

No Chapter shall be hereafter constituted or erected within twenty miles of any Chapter previously established in this State, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

No candidate for the degree of a Royal Arch Mason residing in the vicinity of any Chapter shall be admitted and exalted in any Chapter more remote from his place of residence, without the approbation of the Chapter more contiguous to the residence of such candidate first had, and a certificate thereof transmitted to the Chapter to which such candidate offers himself.

ARTICLE XIV.

All monies in the hands of the Grand Treasurer shall be at the disposal of the Grand Chapter, excepting the expenses of holding the stated or special convocations of the Grand Chapter, which expenses shall always be paid by the Grand Treasurer, without any order or vote of the Grand Chapter for the same.

ARTICLE XV.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer shall be audited annually, and report made to the Chapter of the State of the funds, at each Grand Convocation in the month of May.

ARTICLE XVI.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a Record Book for the use of the Grand Chapter, in which he shall enter all votes, by-laws, decisions and decrees of the Grand Chapter, and those hereafter to be passed; and shall cause all votes and proceedings of the Grand Chapter to be printed annually, in the month of May, and four copies thereof transmitted to each Chapter in this State, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XVII.

The aforesaid Book of Records shall, at all convocations of the Grand Chapter, be on the table for the use and instruction of the officers and members of said Chapter.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The foregoing regulations shall not be altered or revised, except at an annual meeting of this Grand Chapter; nor in that, unless three-fourths of the members shall give their assent to such alteration or revision.

The foregoing By-Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut were adopted at their Grand Convocation, holden at the city of Hartford, May 10th, A. D., 1827, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2357.

JOHN MIX, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D. 1827, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2357.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Josiah Brinsmade, Charles Love, Marshal Hoadley, Rev. Josiah Brewer, Rev. Benjamin Chase, Marshal S. Bidwell, Charles E. Candee, Hezekiah Thomas, Jr., Anson G. Bodwell, Jesse L. Hinman, Dennis Kimberly, William W. Boardman.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Edward W. Jenks, William Smith, Shubael Gallup, George Giddings, John C. Tibbetts, William F. Tracy, Asa Booth.

Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester—Alonzo Rockwell, Roderick Gardner, John Way.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Rev. Birdsey G. Noble, Rev. Walter Colton, Lyman Phelps, Peter Cook, Epaphras Clark, Edward S. Cone, Josiah A. Flagg.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—William Culver, Alpheus S. Colton.

Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston—Rev. Richard Varic Dey, James Baldwin, James Lewis, James Denison, Hiram Cole, Medad Bradley.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—John Brace, William Philips, Bildad Curtis, Elias Rathbone, Nelson Wilkinson, Ebenezer Ball, Seth Jilson, Samuel Savell, William Norton, John Bingham, Lucius Abbe, Stephen T.

Hosmer, Marvin Birge, Gordon Baily, John H. Buel, Charles P. Hollister, Rev. Leonard Wakefield.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford—Asa E. Smith, George G. Bishop.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Silas Jones, Moses Underwood, James Fisher, Cyprian Chandler, Samuel Underwood, Horatio Holbrook, Jesse Hauuendun, Harris Arnold.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Willet Hanford, Lockwood Deforest, Lewis Fitch, William H. Nichols, John W. Sterling, Rev. Nathaniel Ruggels, Hezekiah Davis, John W. Bulkley, Bradley Dimon, Obadiah Beardsley.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—Rev. Charles Everett, Mark Pratt, Jason Cross, Truman Saley.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—John D. Rositter, Jabez Jaqua, Chas. A. Lee, George W. Dutcher, Isaac Hanchet, A. R. Cable, Nathaniel W. Bosworth, John L. Hosford.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Joel G. Candee, Moses Wadams, Ephraim Wolcott, George D. Wadams, Joseph Lewis, Henry A. Mitchell, Joshua Garrit.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—David Paine, Cyrus P. Smith, Gideon Wells, Alfred Copeland, Lot Dean, Rev. Henry Stanwood, Nathan M. Morse, Henry Seymour, Heman Chapin.

Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland—William Adams, Isaac McNacy, Harvey Adams, Elijah Johnson, Jasper Hyde, Amos Harvey, Alva Francis, James Holt, Moses B. Aldrick, Harlin Herrick, Harry Cooper, Clarendon Wheelock, Cyril Pearl, William Stroud, Abijah Ladd, John Belch.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield—G. M. Gregory, G. H. Wildman, Jesse Covert, Darius Rusco, William Lee, John Smith, Samuel Seward, Roswell Canfield.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Abijah Rowe, Ambrose Hotchkiss, Oliver Owen, Eli L. Moore, Pliny Forward, Selden Haines, Aaron I. Burr, Charles Holcomb, Almond Case, Israel Godard, Ambrose A. Moses, A. Mitchelson, James A. Masure, Walter Lewis, Orator Pinny, Lester Edgerton, Joel C. Holcomb, Jonathan Eno.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Mason Manning, Rev. Nathaniel Miner, Joseph D. Mason, Dudley Stark, Nehemiah Mason, Gurdon Trumbull, John T. Wheeler, Gilbert Wheeler, Augustus L. Babcock,

Joshua Wheeler, Jr., Jonathan Pendleton, George Wheeler, Elnathan C. Brown, Erastus T. Smith, Nathan L. Pendleton, Benjamin F. Stoddard, John O. Miner, Jonathan Knap.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—E. Wooster, A. Hayden, E. L. Basset, W. Lum, N. I. Wilcox, E. Osborn, N. Stone.

Eureka Chapter, No. 24, Danbury—Schuyler Chase, Eliakim D. Trowbridge, Henry Patch, John H. Whiting.

Expelled—By Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham, Ebenezer Trice.

Suspended—By Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich, Perry M. Haskall, Erastus Brewster.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1828.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1828, and of R. A. M. 2358.

PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM H. JONES, D. G. H. P., G. H. P. *pro tem.*,
R. E. JOHN R. WATROUS, D. G. H. P. *pro tem.*,
E. LABAN SMITH, G. K., *pro tem.*,
E. ASA CHILD, G. S.,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. T.,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. Rev. BENJ. M. HILL, G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*,
E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. Marshal,
E. SAMUEL SIMONS, G. Sentinel,
DARIUS HIGGINS, G. Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall, proxy H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Jones, H. P. Augustus R. Street, K. James G. Parker, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—George Blackman, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Lucius Tyler, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Amherst D. Scovil, H. P. Gilbert A. Smith, proxy K. John R. Watrous, proxy S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Horace Clark, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Lyman Law, proxy H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—John B. Merritt, proxy H. P.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Thomas Gray, proxy H. P. Leonard Hendee, proxy K. Eliphlet Brown, S.
Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Daniel B. Brinsmade, proxy H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—William H. Holly, H. P. John W. Leeds, proxy K. Charles Hawley, proxy S.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons, H. P. John G. Allen, proxy K. Bradley Dimon, proxy S.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Uriah Turner, H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—C. R. Cable, proxy H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phinehas B. Taylor, H. P. Joel G. Candee, proxy K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, proxy H. P. B. H. Norton, proxy K. Charles H. Olmstead, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—John Fitch, H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Hezekiah Scott, H. P.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Hiram R. Pettibone, proxy H. P. Harry Holcomb, proxy K. Joshua R. Jewett, proxy S.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—Thomas T. Wells, H. P. Erastus T. Smith, proxy K. Benjamin S. Stoddard, proxy S.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—John M. Hart, proxy H. P.
Mount Moriah Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 23—
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 24—Oliver Shepard, proxy H. P.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 25—William I. Street, proxy H. P. Stephen Smith, proxy K. Asa E. Smith, S.

After a very solemn, devout and well adapted prayer by Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

A communication was received from our most excellent Companion Thomas Hubbard, G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter, returning his most

cordial and sincere thanks for the confidence which had been placed in him several years past, in the exercise of the various duties devolving on his office, and declining any further appointment thereto.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. William H. Jones, G. H. P.,
R. E. Andrew Harris, D. G. H. P.,
E. Asa Child, G. K.,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

The Grand High Priest was then invested with the jewel of his office by our E. Companion, Lyman Law, Past Grand High Priest, with an elegant lecture and charge thereunto appertaining.

The other officers were then invested with the jewels of their respective offices, with a well adapted lecture and charge to each, by our M. E. G. H. P.

The officers and members of this Grand Chapter, having been heretofore so ordered, appeared in convocation clad with the usual Masonic badge of mourning, as a token of respect for the memory of our late illustrious Companion, DeWitt Clinton, M. E. H. P., of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

On motion, unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our well beloved Companion, Thomas Hubbard, late G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter, for the able and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office; at the same time expressing much regret at his declining any further appointment.

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest, viz.:

E. Samuel Simons, G. Marshal,
E. Thomas T. Wells, G. Sentinel,
Rev. E. Benjamin M. Hill, G. Chaplain,
E. Benj. H. Norton, } G. Stewards,
E. Asahel Saunders, }
John Corse, G. Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, reported: that

they had attended to the duties of their appointment, and found that all monies received by the Grand Secretary had been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is now in his hands, in money due Grand Chapter, nine hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents; which report was accepted and approved.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation, to examine into and determine the dispute which had arisen amongst the Companions of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington, respecting the place of holding the same, had determined that said Chapter should be holden in the borough of Stonington for the term of one year, from and after the 11th day of May, A. D. 1827, and shall continue so to be holden, unless a majority of the Companions, at a meeting legally and duly convoked for that special purpose, shall otherwise direct; which report was accepted and approved.

A petition from Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford, praying Grand Chapter to cause an investigation to be made into a dispute which had arisen between that Chapter and Washington Chapter, No. 25, Norwalk, respecting some pecuniary concerns, was introduced and read. After considerable discussion, it was ordered that said controversy be submitted to a committee of three, and recommended to the parties in interest to agree on said committee; they having retired for a few moments, returned with the names of Companions Samuel C. Blackman, Hezekiah Scott and Oliver Shepard, who are hereby apppointed for that purpose, as having been mutually agreed upon to hear and determine said controversy; and said committee were directed to give the parties due and seasonable notice of the time when, and place where they will attend to the duties of their said appointment, and award their expenses on the Chapter which they may find delinquent, and make report to the next Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary introduced a communication which he had received from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, respecting a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. After some few remarks,

Voted, That we consider it inexpedient, at this time, to adopt the course recommended by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky on this subject

Application was made for some pecuniary aid in behalf of our Companion Joseph F. Jewett, a member of LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby, stating that he had for a long time past been confined to his room and bed, in consequence of a severe fracture of a limb; that the Chapter to which he belonged had made large contributions for his relief; that his family were young, numerous and expensive; that he was now in a state of extreme indigence. Several Companions not belonging to that Chapter, stated that they knew him to be highly respectable as a man, a physician, and a Royal Arch Mason. After due consideration, and on motion,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to transmit to Companion Jewett the sum of fifty dollars, from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

A communication was received from the High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, stating important matters relative to a degree in a Royal Arch, which to us was entirely new and unthought of, and appearing to deserve our highest degree of consideration. After sundry remarks on the subject,

Voted, That our Grand High Priest be requested to return a respectful answer thereto, and inform him that we will take the matter under our serious deliberation, and give him information of the result hereafter.

The Grand Secretary reported that the charter which had been granted to form a new Chapter in the town of Waterbury, at the Grand Convocation in May, 1826, had not as yet been taken away, nor the fee paid; whereupon,

Voted, That if said charter should not be called for before the first day of October next, it shall be revoked.

Companions James Ward and Jeremy Hoadley were apppointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the next Grand Convocation.

No further business appearing, after solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter closed in due form, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D. 1828, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2358.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Lucius Booth, Rev. James Keeler, Uriah G. Foot, Barcus Bassett, Joseph E. Nichols, Stiles Stephens.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Thomas Greenfield, Lot D. Vansands.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Erastus Fish, Josiah Chester.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Benjamin G. House, George Fuller, John Martin.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington—David D. Burnham.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford—William D. Holly, Alfred A. Holly, James S. Davenport, Morehouse Adams, Horatio Weed, Alfred Gregory, Leander Slason, Isaac Quintaid, Jr., Seth P. Quintaid.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—William Davie, James D. Tourtelott, Nelson W. Stead.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Ephraim Golden, Daniel Golden, John Gould Allen.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent—Philetus Winegar, Frederic Chittenden, John H. St. John, Heman B. Sterling, Joseph R. Phelps.

Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan—Caleb Ticknor, Lucius Keep, Wm. N. Stephens, Chester Avull, Morse A. Lee, Horace Z. West, Lucius I. Holcomb, Scuila Pratt.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Elisha Harrison, Mark I. Brownson, Elizur B. Upson.

Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland—Noviatus Chapman, Carlos Chapman, George Steel, Thomas Pinks, John C. Dunham, Justin Lathrop, William T. Smith, John T. Gilbert, Levi Collins.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Milo A. Holcomb, Lisdell Abels, Curtis Hays, Grove C. Holcomb, Joel Eno, Moses Ensign, Milo Lattimer, George Forward, Joel Griswold.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Benjamin S. Cutler.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Garry Riggs, Roderic G. Steel, Wyllis F. Colt, Seth Crosby, Martin Jackson.

Eureka Chapter, No. 24, Danbury—Hubbell Wildman, Ambrose B. Turner, William Peck, Charles Benedict, Ira Keeler, Eli Hamlin.

Washington Chapter, No. 25, Norwalk—David S. Knight, Darius St. John, George A. Belcher, Noah S. Day, Henry Kidney.

Expelled—By Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown, John Lawrence Lewis; by Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham, Albert A. Badger, Abijah S. Ford; by Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford, Isaac Bishop; by Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent, Peter St. Cleat; by Eureka Chapter, No. 24, Danbury, Simeon M. Stewart.

Suspended—By Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport, Philo N. Shelton.

Dismissed—By Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Hervey Osborne.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1829.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1829, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2359.

PRESENT.

M. E. William H. Jones, G. H. P.,
R. E. Andrew Harris, D. G. H. P.,
E. Asa Child, G. K.,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. Treasurer,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary,
E. Samuel Simons, G. Marshal,
E. Jeremiah Parish, G. Sentinel, P. T.,
E. Stephen Beach, Chaplain, P. T.,
E. John Corse, G. Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—James C. Parker, H. P. William H. Ellis, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Jeremiah French, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Asa Child, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5--Amherst D. Scovil, prox. H. P. John R. Watrous, prox. K.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Charles B. Darrow, prox. H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Frederic Lee, prox. H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—John B. Merrit, prox. H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Thomas Gray, K. Justin Swift, S.

Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Remus M. Fowler, prox. H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simeon H. Miner, prox. H. P. Charles Hawley, prox. K.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Armin Bolls, K.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons, H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Nathaniel P. Perry, prox. H. P.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Stephen Beach, H. P. Luther Ticknor, prox. S.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Samuel R. Childs, prox. K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, H. P. George Putnam, K. Charles H. Olmsted, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Jeremiah Parish, prox. H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—David Keeler, prox. H. P.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Charles Holcomb, prox. K.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—John O. Miner, prox. H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Josiah Nettleton, prox. H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Starr Terry, K.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—Henry Selleck, prox. H. P.

After solemn and devout prayer by our Rev. Companion Beach, Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. William H. Jones, G. H. P.,
R. E. Andrew Harris, D. G. H. P.,
E. Asa Child, G. K.,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. Treasurer,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest:

E. SAMUEL SIMONS, G. Marshal,
E. DANIEL FROST, Jr., G. Sentinel,
Rev. E. BENJAMIN M. HILL, G. Chaplain,
E. JAMES C. PARKER, } Grand Stewards,
E. HENRY PECK, }
E. DARIUS HIGGINS, G. Tyler.

The Companions who were appointed a committee to hear and determine a pecuniary dispute betwixt Rittenhouse and Washington Chapters, made report. that having attended to the duties of their appointment, found that Washington Chapter was indebted to Rittenhouse Chapter forty-five dollars, together with the expense of trial, being fifty-eight dollars, amounting in the whole to $103; to the acceptance of which report strong opposition was made by said Washington Chapter. After very lengthy discussion, the report was accepted and approved; whereupon,

Resolved, That the aforesaid sums found due from Washington Chapter be paid within one year; but if not then paid to be on interest.

The Secretary introduced communications which had been received from several State Grand Chapters, on various subjects, which were referred to Companions Smith, Ellis and Lee. After a short absence, they reported that these documents ought to be put into the hands of the three first officers of this Grand Chapter, to be by them acted upon at the next convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in September next.

Whereas, a petition was preferred to this Grand Chapter, holden in May, A. D. 1826, by a number of Companions residing in the town of Waterbury, county of New Haven, and its vicinity, praying for the organization of a new Chapter, to be holden in said Waterbury; which petition was then granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a charter in the usual form therefor, which said charter was made out accordingly. The Secretary reported at the Grand Convocation in May, 1828, that said charter had not been called for; whereupon it was resolved, that if it was not taken by the first of October then next, that it should not be given to them; since which time it has not been called for;

Be it now Resolved and Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to pay from the funds of this Grand Chapter, the usual sum of ten dollars for making out and engrossing the said charter; and that said Chapter by

the name of Mount Moriah, No. 23, be erased from the list of Chapters within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and that their charter copied on our books, and all proceedings relative to said Chapter up to May, 1828, be considered as hereby revoked, and a perfect nullity. That Eureka Chapter, Danbury, now known by No. 24, take No. 23, and that Washington Chapter, now known by No. 25, take No. 24; and that the High Priests of each of those Chapters be hereby authorized and empowered to make those alterations in their numbers accordingly.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, reported that they had attended to the duties of their appointment, and found in the hands of the Treasurer eight hundred forty-three dollars and eighty-seven cents, due Grand Chapter; which report was accepted and approved.

Companions Laban Smith and William H. Ellis were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary for the year ensuing, and report to the next Grand Convocation.

The Grand Secretary was directed to have our present proceedings printed letterwise, and transmitted to one of the principal officers of the several Chapters by name, suppressing everything therein that might give any light to the enemies of our order, should the printed documents come into their hands.

After solemn and devout prayer by our Rev. Companion Beach, Chapter was closed, and adjourned to Grand Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May A. D., 1829, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2359.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Amos Starkes, Nathan Starkes.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Stephen Beers, Charles Penfield.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield—Daniel Avery, Samuel S. Olmsted.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Melton Phelps.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Charles G. Stanley, Benjamin Sawyer, James A. Sawyer, Palmer Smith, Horatio Robinson, Edward C. Barnard.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Martin Moody, Lewis K. Churchill, George T. Leach, Gad Hitchcock, Thomas Buxton, Rev. William A. Curtis, Julius S. Bolles.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—George W. Clark, Sylvester Stephens.

Expelled—By Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, one (since dead); by Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, William Crocker, William Lee.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1830.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 13th day of May, A. D., 1830, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2360.

PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM H. JONES, G. H. P.,
R. E. JOHN G. ALLEN, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
E. JOSHUA R. JEWETT, G. K., *pro tem.*,
E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. S.,
E. FREDERIC LEE, G. Treasurer,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary,
E. DAVID KEELER, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. AVERY C. BABCOCK, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. HENRY PECK, G. Steward,
E. DARIUS HIGGINS, G. Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Wheeler Fairchild, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Jones, H. P. Nahum Flagg, K. William H. Ellis, S.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Lucius Tyler, H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—Amherst D. Scovil, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Abiel A. Loomis, prox. H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—John Baldwin, prox. K.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Simeon H. Miner, prox. H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret	No. 12—Thomas Hubbard, prox. H. P.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Nathaniel P. Perry, prox. H. P.

Meridian Chapter, Canaan,	No. 15—Abijah C. Peet, prox. H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phinehas Taylor, H. P.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Orrin Holt, H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—David Keeler, prox. H. P.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Hiram R. Pettiborne, prox. H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—David M. Clark, prox. H. P. Josiah Nettleton, prox. K. Clark Wooster, prox. S.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—George Seeley, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—Edwin Hoyt, prox. K. Asa E. Smith, S.

After a very elegant and pertinent address from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their respective names, viz.:

M. E. William H. Jones, G. H. P.,
R. E. Andrew Harris, D. G. H. P.,
E. Asa Child, G. K.,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. S.,
E. Frederic Lee, G. Treasurer,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were then made by the G. H. Priest:

E. Samuel Simons, G. Marshal,
E. Daniel Frost, Jr., G. Sentinel,
Rev. and E. Hector Humphreys, G. Chaplain,
E. Horace Goodwin, } G. Stewards,
E. Asahel Saunders, }
E. John Corse, G. Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, reported that they had attended to the duties of their appointment, and found in the hands of the Treasurer seven hundred and forty-four dollars seventy-two cents, due the Grand Chapter; which report was accepted and approved, and ordered to be entered upon the records.

The Grand Secretary presented communications which he had received since our last Grand Convocation from the Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Vermont and District of Columbia; all of which were referred to a committee, which committee made the following report, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred the foreign communications beg leave to report: That having examined the communications presented by the Grand Secretary, they discover nothing requiring particular attention; they therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communications received the past year by the Grand Secretary be deposited in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Which report was accepted and approved.

Companions Laban Smith and William H. Ellis were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary for the year ensuing, and report to the next Grand Convocation.

No returns made to this Grand Convocation from the following Chapters, viz.: Lynch, No. 8, Weston; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington.

No representation of the following Chapters at this Grand Convocation: Solomon, No. 3, Derby; Union, No. 7, New London; Lynch, No. 8, Weston; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport; Pythagoras, No. 17, Hartford; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington.

After a like elegant and appropriate address from the Grand High Priest, as at the opening, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

SUSPENDED—By Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham, Luther P. Smith, Cornelius B. Everest.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1831.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 12th day of May, A. D., 1831, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2361.

PRESENT.

M. E. ANDREW HARRIS, D. G. H. P. and G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
E. ASA CHILD, G. K.,
E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. S.,
E. LABAN SMITH, G. T., *pro tem.*,
E. JOHN MIX, G. Secretary.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Blackman, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Thomas G. Woodward, prox. H. P. Justin Redfield, prox. K. William H. Ellis, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—James Smith, prox. H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5—A. D. Scovil, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—George W. Bull, H. P. Samuel Babcock, K. Charles Dyer, S.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, H. P. Thomas Gray, K.
Fidelity Chapter, Washington,	No. 10—Joel G. Candee, prox. H. P.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—William H. Holly, K.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phineas B. Taylor, H. P.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, H. P. George Putnam, K. Horace Goodwin, 2d, S.

Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Orrin Holt, H. P. Loren P. Waldo, S.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Joseph F. Jewett, H. P. Calvin Dibble, K. Thomas Spring, prox. S.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Samuel Wire, H. P.

After a short and well adapted address by our presiding Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

A communication was received from our M. E. G. H. P., William H. Jones, returning his cordial and sincere thanks for the confidence which had been placed in him, for several years past, by his elevation to that distinguished office, and requesting not to be considered as a candidate for that appointment hereafter.

The Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing. After the ballots had been taken, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. E. Andrew Harris, G. H. P.,
R. E. Asa Caild, D. G. H. P.,
E. I. W. Crawford, G. K.,
E. Amherst D. Scovil, G. S.,
E. Laban Smith, G. T.,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were then made by the Grand High Priest, viz.:

Rev. William R. Curtis, G. Chaplain,
Leonard Hendee, G. Marshal,
William H. Holly, G. Sentinel,
Philip Saunders, } G. Stewards,
Eliphalet G. Storer, }
Willard Lyon, Tyler.

After a solemn and devout prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Chapter proceeded to business.

On motion,

Resolved, That Companions Laban Smith, William H. Ellis and Charles A. Ingorsell be a committee to examine into the funds of the Chapter, now in the hands of Companion Frederic Lee, late Grand Treasurer, who, as it is understood, is confined by severe and very dangerous sickness, and report make to the next Grand Convocation.

Voted, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be reduced to twenty-five dollars per annum, and he to produce a separate bill for printing, stationery and postage to the committee appointed to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, which shall also be paid according to their adjustment.

Resolved, That the vote heretofore passed directing twenty-five dollars a year for the use of a hall, be revoked, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to procure a room for their accomodation on the most reasonable terms in his power.

On motion, and considerable discussion,

Resolved, That no refreshments shall be procured at the expense of the Chapter after this day.

A petition of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, was introduced and read. After some discussion it was

Resolved, That said petition be continued to the next annual Grand Convocation, and the Grand Secretary directed to inform Washington Chapter of the purport thereof.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of one Companion from each county in the State be appointed to enquire particularly into the state of the different Chapters in their respective vicinities, and report to the next convocation of Grand Chapter in what situation they find them, without incurring any expense to Grand Chapter—said committee to consist of the following Excellent Companions, viz.: Asa Child, William H. Ellis, William P. Eaton, Jno. W. Leeds, Ichabod Bulkley, Joel G. Candee, Horace Clark, Leonard Hendee.

The committee appointed at the last convocation reported that in consequence of the long and severe illness of Treasurer Lee, they had been unable to make an adjustment of those accounts, and of course could not make any report.

Companions Charles A. Ingerosll and William H. Ellis were appointed by the G. H. P. a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the next convocation.

After a very solemn and appropriate prayer by the G. Chaplain, Grand Chapter was closed, and adjourned to Chapter in course.

A true copy from the minutes.

JOHN MIX, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Anthony P. Sanford, Willard Lyon, Eben P. Ward.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Ralsa Roby, David Lamberton, Philo Pinny, Sanford Allen, Lora Alford, Edwin Sturges.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—William Hinman, John Smith, Beach Brothade, Henry Buxton, Thomas A. Dutton, George Gunn, Henry A. McGary, George D. Hine.

EXPELLED—By Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury, Obediah S. Chase.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1832.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1832, and of Royal Arch Masony 2362.

PRESENT.

M. E. Asa Child, D. G. H. P. and G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
R. E. Thomas Hubbard, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. King,
E. William H. Ellis, G. Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. John Mix, G. Secretary,
E. Nahum Flagg, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Steward,
E. Willard Lyon, G. Tyler.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Nahum Flagg, H. P. William H. Ellis, K. Justin Redfield, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Robert Gates, prox. H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Lucius Tyler, prox. H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—John G. Allen, King.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Orrin Holt, H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Walter Dauchy, K.

LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Joshua R. Jewett, H. P.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—Mason Manning, H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Samuel Wire, prox. H. P. Josiah Nettleton, prox. K.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—Samuel Gray, prox. H. P.

After an appropriate address by the presiding G. H. P., the Grand Chapter was opened in due form, when the business first in order was stated to be the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Companion John Mix, who had for many years held the office of Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and performed the duties thereof to the entire satisfaction of the Companions, declined being a candidate for the office hereafter, on account of his advanced age, and almost total blindness, occasioned by cataracts on both his eyes.

The Chapter then proceeded in the election of officers, and after ballots had been severally taken and counted, the Companions hereinafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, viz.:

M. E. Andrew Harris, G. High Priest,
R. E. Asa Child, D. G. H. P.,
E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. King,
E. Amherst D. Scovil, G. Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary.

On motion of Companion Ellis it was unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our venerable Companion, John Mix, for long and faithful services as Grand Secretary.

The committee appointed at the last convocation to examine into the state of the funds of the Grand Chapter made a report in the following words, viz.:

The subscribers, appointed at the convocation of the Grand Chapter, at Hartford, in May, 1831, to examine and adjust the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, having attended to the business of their appointment, have found a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer, due Grand Chapter, of three hundred eighty-seven dollars and seventeen cents, and three hundred eighty-two dollars and thirty-eight cents from the

estate of Frederic Lee, late Grand Treasurer, making the total funds of Grand Chapter seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents.

Due from Laban Smith, G. Treasurer, -	$387.17
Due from Frederic Lee's estate, -	382 38
	$769.55

All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. INGERSOLL, } Committee.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS,

On motion of Companion Hubbard it was

Voted, That the report of the auditing committee be approved, accepted and placed on file.

A communication was read from the King of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, at Stamford, stating his inability (on account of sickness in his family) to attend the present convocation of the Grand Chapter, and requesting, as agent for said Rittenhouse Chapter, that their petition against Washington Chapter be continued.

Whereupon, on motion of Companion Mix, it was

Voted, That the petition of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, against Washington Chapter, No. 24, be continued to the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, agreeable to the request of the agent of said Rittenhouse Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported that no returns were received at the convocation in May, 1831, from the following subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich,
Union Chapter, No. 7, New London,
Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston,
Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret,
Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport,
Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent,
Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan,
Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland,
Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield,
Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington,
Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk,

and that neither of the above named Chapters were represented in the Grand Chapter last year, except Adoniram, No. 18, Tolland.

The present representatives of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, and Washington Chapter, No. 24, having stated reasons satisfactory to Grand Chap-

ter in behalf of their respective Chapters, the penalties incurred by those two Chapters were abated by vote of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion G. King, it was then

Voted, That Companions Asa Child, William H. Ellis, Wm. P. Eaton, John W. Leeds, Ichabod Bulkley, Joel G. Candee, Horace Clark, Leonard Hendee and Horace Goodwin, 2d, be a committee to inquire into the state of the delinquent Chapters in their respective counties, and report at next convocation, without incurring any expense to Grand Chapter.

The Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter a letter from the administrator on the estate of our late Companion and Grand Treasurer, Frederic Lee, requesting that a small part of the claim of Grand Chapter against said estate should be relinquished. Whereupon, upon the representation of the committee of accounts who had made the settlement of the said Treasurer's accounts, it was, on motion of Companion Hubbard,

Voted, That the Grand Chapter will at present take no order on the subject.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.:

Companion LEONARD HENDEE, G. Marshal,
" WILLIAM H. HOLLEY, G. Sentinel,
" Rev. WM. R. CURTISS, G. Chaplain,
" HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, } G. Stewards,
" GEORGE PUTNAM, }
" JOHN CORSE, G. Tyler.

Companions Thomas Hubbard and Wm. H. Ellis were appointed a committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing year, and report at next convocation.

No returns were received at this Grand Convocation from the following subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Lynch, No. 8, Weston and Redding; Franklin, No. 4, Norwich; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Vanden Broeck, No. 5, Colchester; Warren, No. 12, Pomfret; Washington, No. 6, Middletown; Union, No. 7, New London; Trinity, No. 9, Windham; Hamilton, No. 14, Kent; Meridian, No. 15, Canaan.

The following subordinate Chapters were not represented at this Grand Convocation, viz.:

Vanden Broeck, No. 5, Colchester; Washington, No. 6, Middletown; Union, No. 7, New London; Lynch, No. 8, Redding; Trinity, No. 9,

Windham; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Rittenhouse, No. 11, Stamford; Warren, No. 12, Pomfret; Hamilton, No. 14, Kent; Meridian, No. 15, Canaan; Darius, No. 16, Litchfield; Eureka, No. 23, Danbury.

After a short address from the presiding G. H. P., the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1832.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Joel Ives.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Ariel S. Carter.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—J. Langdon, S. R. Wildman.

Expelled—By Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford, George D. Hine.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1833.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1833, and of Royal Arch Masonry 2363.

PRESENT.

M. E. ANDREW HARRIS, G. H. Priest,
R. E. ASA CHILD, D. G. H. Priest,
R. E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. King,
R. E. AMHERST D. SCOVELL, G. Scribe,
R. E LABAN SMITH, G. Treasurer,
R. E. E. G. STORER, G. Secretary,
E. LEONARD HENDEE, G. Marshal,
E. WILLIAM H. HOLLY, G. Sentinel,
E. GEORGE PUTNAM, G. Steward,
E. JOHN CORSS, G. Tyler,

and the following representatives of subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Wheeler Fairchild, S.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—David Kimberly, prox. H. P. William H. Ellis, K. Eben. P. Ward, prox. S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Josiah Nettleton, prox. H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5--Amherst D. Scovell, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Alanson Works, prox. H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, H. P.

Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Smith Scott, H. P. J. W. Leeds, prox. K. Jas. S. Davenport, S.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Luther Crawford, prox. K.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent,	No. 14—Philo Mills, prox. K.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Jeremy Hoadley, H. P. George Putnam, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Loren P. Waldo, K.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Joseph F. Jewett, H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Josiah Nettleton, prox. H. P. Charles Ransom, K. John M. Hart, prox. S.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Thomas M. Gregory, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—William J. Street, H. P.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, when the first business in order was stated to be the election of officers for the ensuing year.

M. E. Andrew Harris, who had held the office of Grand High Priest for the last two years to the entire satisfaction of the Companions, in a short and appropriate address declined being a candidate for the office at this time.

Ballots were then taken and the following Companions duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names, viz.:

M. E. Asa Child, Norwich, G. H. P.,
R. E Ingoldsby W. Crawford, New London, D. G. H. P.,
R. E. Amherst D. Scovell, Colchester, G. King,
R. E. Leonard Hendee, Andover, G. Scribe,
R. E. Laban Smith, New Haven, G. Treasurer,
R. E. E. G. Storer, New Haven, G. Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. subsequently announced the following appointments, viz.:

E. Companion William H. Holly, G. Marshal,
" " Ichabod Bulkley, G. Sentinel,
" " Anson T. Colt, } G. Stewards,
" " A. C. Babcock, }
" " Willard Lyon, G. Tyler.

The committee appointed at the last convocation to audit the accounts

of the G. Secretary and G. Treasurer made a report in the following words, viz.:

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, for the year ending the 8th of May, 1833, having attended to the business of their appointments, have found a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, due the Grand Chapter, of six hundred and one dollars and forty-five cents.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ELLIS, } Committee.
THOMAS HUBBARD, }

New Haven, May 1st, 1833.

On motion of E. Companion Hendee,

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

On motion of E. Companion Holley, the petition of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, against Washington Chapter, No. 24, which was laid over at the last Grand Convocation, was called up.

A motion was made that the Grand Chapter advance the sum expended by Rittenhouse Chapter in their controversy with Washington Chapter, in order to relieve said Chapters from their present embarrassment.

After some discussion the question was taken on the motion and decided in the negative almost unanimously, only one Companion voting in the affirmative.

Companion G. Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter a statement relative to the subordinate Chapters delinquent in making returns and sending representatives to Grand Chapter for the last three years. Whereupon, after due discussion, it was on motion,

Voted, That a penalty of two dollars for each year be inflicted on the several Chapters heretofore delinquent, and a penalty of three dollars on all Chapters delinquent at the present convocation, and that the G. Secretary be directed to notify the said delinquent Chapters thereof, and that they be required to pay the same at or before the next annual convocation.

On motion, unanimously

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. Companion Andrew Harris, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest for the last two years.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, for good and sufficient reasons given by M. E. Companion Hendee, was excused from the penalty inflicted on the delinquent Chapters.

E. Companions Charles A. Ingersoll and William H. Ellis were appointed by the M. E. G. H. P. a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the G. Treasurer and G. Secretary for the current year, and to report at the next annual convocation.

Companion G. Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter a communication from the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, being an extract from the journal of proceedings of said G. G. Chapter at the Triennial Convocation, held in the city of Baltimore, in November last; also communications received during the past year from several State Grand Chapters, all of which were examined and ordered to be placed in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

No returns were received at this Grand Convocation from the following subordinate Chapters, viz.: Franklin, No. 4, Norwich; Lynch, No. 8 Redding; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport; Meridian, No. 15, Canaan; Darius, No. 16, Litchfield; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed by order of the M. E. G. H. P.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, 1833.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Rev. Theophilus Fisk.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Joseph Conner, Moody M. Brown, John C. Lusk.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—Sands Perkins.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1834.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, the 15th day of May, A. D., 1834, and of R. A. M. 2364.

PRESENT.

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
M. E. Thomas Hubbard, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
R. E. Leonard Hendee, G. K., *pro tem.*,
R. E. J. French, G. S., *pro tem.*,
R. E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
R. E. E. G. Storer, G. Secretary,
E. Nahum Flagg, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. William H. Ellis, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. Anson T. Colt, } G. Stewards,
E. A. C. Babcock, }
E. Willard Lyon, G. Tyler,

and the following representatives of subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Nahum Flagg, H. P. William H. Ellis, K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—J. French, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Charles Dyer, prox. H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—C. Billings, H. P. Lyman Law, K. D. T. Brainerd, prox. S.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Leonard Hendee, prox. H. P. Simon House, prox. K. Justin Swift, prox. S.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—William Putnam, prox. H. P.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—George Putnam, prox. H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—H. C. Atwood, prox. H. P. William Hinman, prox. K.

The Grand Chapter was opened with solemn prayer in due form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz.:

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. H. P.,
R. E. Leonard Hendee, D. G. H. P.,
R. E. William H. Ellis, G. King,
R. E. William H. Holly, G. Scribe,
R. E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
R. E. E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The annual report of the auditing committee was presented and read as follows, viz..

The undersigned, appointed a committee, at the last convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, to audit the accounts of the G. Treasurer and G. Secretary for the year ending the 14th of May, 1834, having attended to the business of their appointment, do find that all monies belonging to the Grand Chapter which have been received by the G. Secretary have by him been paid over to the G. Treasurer, and that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance due the Grand Chapter of five hundred and five dollars and ninety-two cents.

All which is respectfully submitted,

William H. Ellis, for Committee.

New Haven, May 10, 1834.

On motion of M. E. Companion Hubbard the report was accepted and approved.

A petition from Warren Chapter, No. 12, at Pomfret, was presented and read, as follows:

To the M. E. G. High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut:

We, the undersigned, members of Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret, would humbly represent that in the year 1830, the tavern house in Pomfret was burnt, and in it all the furniture and jewels of the Chapter, and also our charter. Our request is that you would grant us a new charter,

and, as we have been so unfortunate, you would do it without the customery fee, and your humble petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

DARIUS MATTHEWSON,
ESECK PRESTON,
EZRA CHILD,
} Committee.

N. B. We wish for liberty to hold the convocations of our Chapter either in Pomfret or Woodstock.

Pomfret, May 8th, 1833.

On motion of M. E. Companion Billings,

Voted, That the petition of Warren Chapter, No. 12, be granted, and that the G. Secretary be authorized and directed to furnish said Chapter with a copy of their original charter, without any fees to the Grand Chapter, said Warren Chapter paying the expense of procuring the same.

Voted, That Warren Chapter, No. 12, be authorized to hold their convocations either in Pomfret or Woodstock, agreeable to the prayer of their petition.

Companion G. Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter several communications received during the past year from Grand Chapters of other States, which were referred to a committee consisting of Companions Hubbard and Ellis, who subsequently reported the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved, That whereas sundry communications have been received during the past year by the G. Secretary of this Grand Chapter from several other Grand Chapters, and the G. Secretary is hereby directed to reciprocate those communications by a continuation of the correspondence of this Grand Chapter.

The G. Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter a statement of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction delinquent in representations and returns.

Companion Billings gave good and sufficient reasons for excusing Union Chapter, No. 7, from the penalty.

Companion Dyer offered like reasons in behalf of Washington Chapter, No. 6, whereupon, on motion of Companion Ellis,

Voted, That the penalties incurred heretofore by delinquent Chapters be remitted.

M. E. G. H. P. announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz..

Companion LUCIUS TYLER, G. Marshal,
" HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, G. Sentinel,

Companion Rev. ASHBEL BALDWIN, G. Chaplain,
" GEORGE PUTNAM, } G. Stewards,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, }
" JOHN CORSS, G. Tyler.

Companion Thomas Hubbard and William H. Ellis were appointed a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the G. Treasurer for the current year, and to report at the next annual convocation.

The newly elected officers were installed and invested in due form, after which the Grand Chapter was closed by order of the M. E. G. H. P.

Attest, E. G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1834.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—John P. Carrington.

Union Chapter, No 7, New London—Daniel Musgrove, Eleaser Smith, Eben Watrous.

LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby—Humphrey Holcomb, Linus Moses, Ambrose Chapman, Jarvis Moore.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1835.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden in the city of Hartford, on the 14th day of May, A. D., 1835, and of R. A. M. 2365.

PRESENT.

M. E. INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD, G. H. P.,
E. LEONARD HENDEE, D. G. H. P.,
E. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, G. King,
E. WILLIAM H. HOLLEY, G. Scribe,
E. LABAN SMITH, G. Treasurer,
E. E. G. STORER, G. Secretary,
Companion ANSON T. COLT, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, G. Sentinel,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, G. Steward,
" CHESTER PERKINS, G. Tyler, *pro tem.*,

and the following representatives of subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Adoniram Fairchild, prox. H. P. Daniel Blackman, King.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Anson T. Colt, prox. H. P. William H. Ellis, K. Thomas G. Woodward, S.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joseph C. Burke, prox. H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Coddington Billings, H. P. Dyer T. Brainerd, S.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Frederick A. Strong, H. P. Amherst Scovell, prox. K. Stephen T. Hosmer, prox, S.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—William H. Holley, K.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—William Alexander, prox. H. P. Ichabod Bulkley, prox. K.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—James Ward, prox. H. P. Horace Goodwin, 2d, K. George Putnam, S.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Ingoldsby W. Crawford, prox. H. P.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby,	No. 20—Thomas Spring, prox. H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Samuel Wire, prox. H. P.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duty elected, to wit:

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. H. P.,
E. Leonard Hendee, D. G. H. P.,
E. William H. Ellis, G. King,
E. William H. Holley, G. Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments, viz.:

Companion Horace Goodwin, 2d, G. Marshal,
" Anson T. Colt, G. Sentinel,
" Ashbel Baldwin, G. Chaplain,
" Philip Saunders, } G. Stewards,
" Grindley Harrison, }
" William H. Ellis, } Auditing Committee.
" Henry Peck, }

The auditing committee appointed at the last annual convocation made their report as follows:

The undersigned, appointed at the last convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the year ending May 12th, 1835, having attended to the business of their appointment, do find that all monies belonging to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter which have been received by the Grand Secretary have by him been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance due the Grand Chapter of four hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-seven cents.

All of which is respectfully submited.

Thomas Hubbard, } Committee.
William H. Ellis, }

New Haven, May 4th, 1835.

The G. Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter several communications received during the past year, which were referred to the committee on foreign correspondence, consisting of Companions Ward and Holley.

The G. Secretary reported that no returns were received at the last annual convocation from the following subordinate Chapters, to wit:

Hiram, No. 1; Franklin, No. 4; Vanden Broeck, No. 5; Lynch, No. 8; Fidelity, No. 10; Rittenhouse, No. 11; Jerusalem, No. 13; Hamilton, No. 14; Meridian, No. 15; Darius, No. 16; Adoniram, No. 18; Benevolence, No. 21; Washington, No. 24; and that LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, had neglected to pay their dues to Grand Chapter.

Sufficient reasons having been offered by Companion Holley in behalf of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, the penalty in the case of that Chapter was remitted.

On motion,

Voted, That the further consideration of the subject of delinquencies be continued to the next annual convocation.

The committee on foreign correspondence reported that they had examined the communications referred to them, and are happy to find that the several Grand Chapters with whom we correspond are pursuing the even tenor of their way; they therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to continue such correspondence by communicating the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to the several Grand Chapters of the United States. The committee also recommend to the consideration of this Grand Chapter the propriety of publishing with the annual report an extract from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States (which they herewith submit). comprising the report of a committee of that body on the state of the Masonic institution, which was adopted at their last Triennial Convocation, held in the city of Baltimore.

After reading the document referred to, the following resolution was, on motion of Companion Ellis, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on foreign correspondence be accepted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to incorporate the extract from the report of the committee of the General Grand Chapter with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and publish and distribute the same, as recommended by the committee, to the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

IN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES,
BALTIMORE, November 30, 1832.

The committee on the state of the Institution made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions therein contained adopted unanimously, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the M. E.

Nathan B. Haswell, G. H. P., of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, together with the accompaying documents, and who were likewise instructed to take into consideration the present situation of our institution, and to recommend such measures as they might consider expedient, have attended to the services assigned them, and ask leave respectfully to report,

That they have carefully examined said communication and documents, together with several other important papers relating to the recent events and various subjects which have reference to the present situation of the Institution of Masonry.

It appears from the appeal published by the Masons in Vermont in 1829, that various presses had been established in that State as vehicles of slander and malignity against the adherents of Masonry. The appellants declare as Masons they had been charged with being accessory to the abduction of William Morgan; with shielding Masons from just punishment for crimes they might have committed; with exercising Masonic influence over legislative, executive and judiciary branches of the government; with tampering with juries; with exerting an important influence for the political preferment of the brotherhood; with various blasphemous practices; with causing the death of a distinguished Mason; with sanctioning principles at variance with religion and virtue; with the assumption of power to judge individual Masons by laws known only to the fraternity, and to inflict punishments corporeally, even to the pains of death. To these charges the members of the Grand Lodge, and other Masons in the State, making in the whole nearly two hundred in number, affirmed in the most solemn manner that of each and all the charges they were entirely guiltless; that as Masons they held themselves guiltless in any manner of shedding human blood; guiltless in any manner of conspiring against the liberties and privileges of the people, or of endeavoring to monopolise an unequal portion of these privileges to themselves, or of abridging the rights of others; guiltless in any manner of impeding, retarding or diverting the course of justice; guiltless in any manner of attempting to identify the subject of Masonry with the politics of the day, or of making politics a subject of discussion or remark; guiltless in any manner of performing any rites or acts irreligious or immoral; and guiltless in any manner of entertaining the remotest suspicion that the life a fellow being was subject to their control.

It appears, also, that a great number of other Masons, in different sections of the Union, have been impelled, from a sense of self-respect, to make similar declarations, and to publish them to the world. In the State of Connecticut this course was pursued under the direction and sanction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State, and in Massachusetts by a voluntary declaration, deliberately signed by more than twelve hundred Masons in different parts of the commonwealth. Having thus made their declarations with sincerity of heart, and denied the charges which had been preferred against them, they unreservedly cast themselves and their cause

upon the good sense of the country for a calm, dispassioned and enlightened verdict.

The committee further report that it appears from certain documents which have been for a long time before the public, that very different measures in relation to the subject have been adopted in Rhode Island. In that State a memorial, emanating from an Anti-Masonic Convention, held in December, 1830, charging the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies with violations of the Constitution and the laws of the land, was formally presented to the Legislature; and the Grand Lodge in reviewing that memorial, challenged the strictest scrutiny, and offered the greatest facilities to an investigation of all their concerns. It seems, however, that after a most laborious and patient investigation of the subjects referred to in the memorial, by an able and impartial committee, the Lodges were sustained by the Legislature of the State, and were virtually and triumphantly acquitted from all the charges which had been brought against them.

In short, from a due consideration of a great number of documents which have been spread before the committee, they are unanimously of opinion that the Masons generally, by a frank, dignified and firm avowal of all the grand principles of the order, and by an open, discrete and prudent course of conduct towards their implacable enemies, have furnished to their fellow citizens a most manly vindication of all their rights and privileges as men, and to the fraternity and the world a just and true declaration of their obligations and duties as Masons and as citizens.

During the continuance of the cruel and unrelenting warfare which has been carried on against Masonry by its enemies, it could not be reasonably expected that many additions could be made to the charity fund, or to the members of the fraternity; the committee, however, learn that during the last three years very considerable additions have been made in some of the Lodges and Chapters, and that in others, where less attention than usual has been paid to the observance of the rites and ceremonies of the order, an unusual degree of attention has been paid to the subject of lectures and experiments in the various branches of useful learning, and to such of the practical arts and sciences as are most intimately connected with the every day concerns of life, and are best calculated to enlist the feelings and improve the condition of every member of the social fraternity. And the wisest and best of Masons have not been able to discern why most of the Lodges may not, without any abandonment of the legitimate objects of Masonry, become seminaries of learning, extensively useful, each having its own library, or certain articles of apparatus, more or less valuable, according the voluntary contributions of those who may be principally benefitted by them. In this way our Masonic halls may in some good degree be made to resemble the most popular lyceums, where the choicest lectures and best regulated debates may be either public or private, as occasion may require, and may be on questions of a character entirely foreign from sectarian influence, and entirely divested of partisan warfare.

In view of the present situation and prospects of Masonry, the committee do not consider it necessary or expedient to recommend any measures except the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter do most cordially approve the dignified firmness, the commendable prudence, and the sound discretion with which the great body of our adhering Masons have met the attacks which have been made against the institution.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the perseverence with which certain Lodges and Chapters have determined to avail themselves of every Masonic occasion for their special advancement in a knowledge of the more useful as well as liberal arts and sciences, and for the cultivation of all the moral, social, humane and friendly affections. And it is recommended to all other Lodges and Chapters, that they imitate so laudable an example—always guarding against an improper removal of the ancient landmarks and a departure from the grand principles of the order.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH I. FISKE,
INGOLDSBY W. CRAWFORD,
W. W. BILLINGS,
C. G. PETERS,
NATHAN B. HASWELL,
I. M. ALLEN,
GEORGE KEYSER,
} Committee.

Baltimore, November 30, 1832.

Companion Ellis submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on foreign correspondence be approved and accepted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to publish the same with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, as recommended by the committee.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form by order of the Most Excellent G. H. P.

Attest, E. G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1835.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Joseph C. Burke, Dudley Bailey.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—James Berry.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—Rev. Albert Case.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1836.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, the 12th day of May, A. L. 5836, and of R. A. M. 2366.

PRESENT.

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. H. P.,
E. William H. Ellis, G. King,
E. William H. Holley, G. Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, G. Marshal,
E. Nahum Flagg, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. Philip Saunders, G. Steward,
E. Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler.

Subordinate Chapters were represented as follows, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall, H. P.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Ellis, H. P. Thomas G. Woodward, K. Eliphalet G. Storer, S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—James Smith, prox. H. P.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—Lucius Tyler, prox. H. P.
Vanden Broeck Chapter, Colchester,	No. 5--Not represented.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Joseph White, H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.

Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston, No. 8—Not represented.
Trinity Chapter, Windham, No. 9—Austin Tuttle, prox. H. P.
Fidelity Chapter, Washington, No. 10—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford, No. 11—William H. Holley, K.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret, No. 12—Ichabod Corbin, prox. H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport, No. 13—Not represented.
Hamilton Chapter, Kent, No. 14—Not represented.
Meridian Chapter, Canaan, No. 15—Not represented.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield, No. 16—Phineas Lord, S.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford, No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d, K.
Adoniram Chapter, Tolland, No. 18—Ingoldsby W. Crawford, prox. H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield, No. 19—Not represented.
LaFayette Chapter, Granby, No. 20—Not represented.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington, No. 21—William Hyde.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford, No. 22—Samuel Wire, prox. K.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury, No. 23—N. H. Wildman, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk, No. 24—Not represented.

At ten o'clock the M. E. G. H. P. took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in solemn and ample form.

The Companions then proceeded to the choice of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when ballots were taken and the following Companions duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names, viz.:

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, G. H. P.,
E. William H. Ellis, D. G. H. P.,
E. William H. Holley, G. King,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, G. Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following appointments, viz.:

Companion ANSON T. COLT, G. Marshal,
" LUCIUS TYLER, G. Sentinel,
" Rev. CHESTER TILDEN, G. Chaplain,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, } G. Stewards,
" NATHAN COLTON, }
" ISAAC TUTTLE, G. Tyler.

The auditing committee made the following report, viz.:

The undersigned, appointed a committee, at the last annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending the 11th day of May, 1836, having attended to the business of their appointment, do find that all monies which belong to the Grand Chapter and received by the Grand Secretary, have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance due the Grand Chapter of four hundred and thirty-two dollars and seventeen cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HUBBARD, } Committee.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS, }

New Haven, May 7th, 1836.

On motion of Companion Holley,

Voted, That the report of the auditing committee be accepted and approved.

Communications received from other Grand Chapters during the past year were submitted by the Grand Secretary, and referred to the committee of foreign correspondence, consisting of Companions Holley, Lord and Corbin.

The Grand Secretary reported that no returns were received at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter from the following subordinate Chapters, viz.: Solomon, No. 3, Derby; Franklin, No. 4, Norwich; Vanden Broeck, No. 5, Colchester; Lynch, No. 8, Redding and Weston; Fidelity, No. 10, Washington; Warren, No. 12, Pomfret and Woodstock; Jerusalem, No 13, Bridgeport; Hamilton, No. 14, Kent; Meridian, No. 15, Canaan; Darius, No. 16, Litchfield; Adoniram, No. 18, Tolland; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington; Washington, No. 24, Norwalk.

The present representatives from Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Warren Chapter, No. 12, and Darius Chapter, No. 16, having given satisfactory reasons in behalf of their respective Chapters, the penalties in their cases were remitted.

On motion of Companion Ellis,

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed again to notify the several delinquent Chapters that they have forfeited the penalty prescribed by the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and that he urge upon them the absolute necessity of their compliance with the By-Laws in making annual returns to the Grand Chapter, or of surrendering their charters.

The committee on foreign correspondence reported that they had examined the communications submitted to their consideration, aud finding nothing therein requiring special notice, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to acknowledge the courtesy of the several Grand Chapters who have favored us with their correspondence, by communicating to them the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted and approved, and the resolution was adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Thomas Hubbard and Wm. H. Ellis a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Grand Chapter for the current year, and report at the next annual convocation.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due and ample form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1836.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Isaac Tuttle.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Jona. Kilbourn, Jr.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Cyrenius Candee.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—Charles Peck, Joseph B. Foot Nicholas A. Averts.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1835.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, the 11th day of May, R. A. M. 2367.

PRESENT.

M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Grand High Priest,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand King,
E. Phineas Lord, Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary,
E. Loren P. Waldo, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. Luther Rawson, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. Asahel Saunders, Grand Steward.

Representatives present from subordinate Chapters:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Eliphalet G. Storer, H. P. Samuel Bishop, prox. S.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—John Hotchkiss, prox. H. P.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Asa Richardson, prox. H. P.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Dyer T. Brainard, prox. H. P.
Lynch Chapter, Redding and Weston,	No. 8—David Patchin, prox. H. P.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Luther Rawson, H. P. Samuel Fenner, K. Aaron Corbin, S.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phineas Lord, S.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d, H. P. James Ward, prox. K.

Adoniram Chapter, Tolland,	No. 18—Loren P. Waldo, H. P.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Czar Jones, K.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde, H. P.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Chauncey M. Hatch, H. P.

At ten o'clock the M. E. Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due and ample form.

The auditing committee made their annual report in the following words, to wit:

NEW HAVEN, May 6th, R. A. M. 2367.

We, the committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, to examine, adjust and report on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of said Chapter, have attended to that duty, and find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is in the hands of said Grand Treasurer the sum of three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventeen cents in cash.

All of which is respectfully submited by

THOMAS HUBBARD, } Committee.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS, }

On motion of Companion G. S., the report was approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary reported that no returns were received at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter from the following Chapters, viz.: Franklin, No. 4; Vanden Broeck, No. 5; Union, No. 7; Lynch, No. 8; Fidelity, No. 10; Jerusalem, No. 13; Hamilton, No. 14; Meridian, No. 15; Adoniram, No. 18; LaFayette, No. 20; Benevolence, No. 21; Washington, No. 24.

Satisfactory excuses being presented in behalf of the following Chapters, their penalties were remitted, viz.: Union, No. 7; Lynch, No. 8; Adoniram, No. 18; Benevolence, No. 21; these Chapters being represented and making due returns at the present convocation.

On motion of Companion Ward,

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. be authorized and empowered to appoint such committees as he may think proper to visit the several delinquent Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, with a view to ascertain their several situations, and assist such as may require it, in resuming their labors, and receive the charters, &c., of such as may be disposed to surrender them; and that said committees be requested to

report their doings under this resolution previous to the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter several communications received during the past year, from the Grand Chapters of other States, which were severally examined by the committee on foreign correspondence, who subsequently reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to acknowledge the courtesy of the several Grand Chapters who favor us with their correspondence, and communicate to them the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when (M. E. Companion Ingoldsby W. Crawford declining a re-election to the office of Grand High Priest) the following Companions were elected by ballot to the several offices affixed to their names, to wit:

M. E. William H. Ellis, Grand High Priest,
E. William H. Holley, D. G. H. P.,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand King,
E. Phineas Lord, Grand Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the chair:

Companion Anson T. Colt, Grand Marshal,
" Loren P. Waldo, Grand Sentinel,
" Rev. Daniel Barhaus, Grand Chaplain,
" Philip Saunders, } G. Stewards.
" Samuel Bishop, }
" Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler,
" Henry Peck, } Auditing Committee.
" Frederick Croswell, }

On motion of Companion G. Secretary,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. Companion Ingoldsby W. Crawford for the able and faithful manner in which he has presided over this body and discharged the duties of Grand High Priest for the last three years.

The Grand Chapter was closed in solemn and ample form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1837.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Anthony DeFontaine, Knight Reed, Ambrose Stevens, Gad S. Gilbert, Alexander Storer, Frederick Croswell, James W. Goodrich, Loyal Dudley, Samuel Bishop, Asa Budington.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—David Bailey, Stephen Bates, George S. Hurd, Morris King, William Simons, Stephen A. Hurlbutt.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1838.

At a convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masons' Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, the 10th day of May, A. D. 1838, and R. A. M. 2368.

PRESENT.

M. E. Thomas G. Hubbard, Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand King,
E. Phineas Lord, Grand Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Comp. Anson T. Colt, Grand Marshal,
" Marcus Bassett, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
" Samuel Bishop, Grand Steward,
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

Representatives of subordinate Chapters:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Henry Peck, prox. H. P. A. C. Babcock, K.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—James Smith, prox. H. P.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phineas Lord, Scribe.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d, King.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—John M. Hart, prox. H. P. M. S. Michell. S. Wire.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—William Patch, Jr., H. P.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens, prox. H. P.

At 10 o'clock A. M., a quorum being present, the Grand Secretary informed the Companions that the M. E. G. H. P. was absent from the State;

whereupon, at the request of the Grand Officers present, the M. E. Thomas Hubbard, Past G. H. P., took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, and proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions where duly elected, viz.:

M. E. William H. Ellis, Grand H. Priest,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Deputy G. H. P.,
E. Phineas Lord, Grand King,
E. Anson T. Colt, Grand Scribe,
E. Laban Smith, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The D. G. H. P. appointed

Companion Justin Redfield, G. Marshal,
Companion Lucius Tyler, G. Sentinel,
Rev. Companion Daniel Barhaus, G. Chaplain,
Companion Asahel Saunders, } G. Stewards,
Companion Nathan Colton, }
Companion Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler.

A communication was read from the M. E. G. H. P., stating that during the past year he had, in conformity with a resolution passed at the last Grand Convocation, appointed a committee to visit and inquire into the situation of the several delinquent Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, consisting of the following Companions, viz.: Horace Goodwin, 2d, Eliphalet G. Storer, Phineas Lord, Stephen Deming and Lucius Tyler; and that he had requested said committee to make report of their doings at the present convocation.

The Companions appointed by the M. E. H. P. to visit and correspond with the delinquent Chapters, then severally made their reports, which were read and accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion of Companion Henry Peck,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the several subordinate Chapters who have neglected for two or more years the duty enjoined upon them by the By-Laws of sending returns to Grand Chapter, that unless they show cause for such neglect at the next annual convocation, the question will then be taken on revoking and annulling their charters.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter communications received during the past year from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio and Louisiana, and also from the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which were referred to the committee on foreign correspondence, consisting of Companions Peck and Babcock.

The committee appointed to audit accounts made the following report, viz.:

The undersigned, appointed a committee at the last annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, to audit the accounts of said Grand Chapter for the year ending May 9th, 1838, have attended to that duty, and do find that all the monies belonging to the Grand Chapter and received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, a balance in cash due the Grand Chapter amounting to two hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-two cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

HENRY PECK, } Committee.
FRED. CROSWELL, }

New Haven, May 8, 1838.

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

The committee on foreign correspondence reported,

That they find nothing in the papers referred to them requiring the action of this Grand Chapter, except the consideration of finance for the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In the report of the proceedings of that body your committee find a recommendation to the several Grand Chapters to contribute annually the sum of twenty-five dollars each, until the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter, but in the present low state of the funds of this Grand Chapter, your committee do not feel authorized to recommend the appropriation at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PECK, } Committee.
A. C. BABCOCK, }

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

Attest, E. G. STORER, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter May, A. D. 1838.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Mitchell S. Mitchell, William H. Hunter, Charles S. Peck.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1839.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, the 9th day of May, R. A. M. 2369.

PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand High Priest,
E. WILLIAM HYDE, D. G. H. P., *pro tem.*,
E. LUCIUS TYLER, Grand King, *pro tem.*,
E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. LABAN SMITH, G. Treasurer,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, G. Secretary,
Companion HENRY PECK, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" AVERY C. BABCOCK, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, } Grand Stewards,
" NATHAN COLTON, }
" ISAAC TUTTLE, Grand Tyler.

and the following subordinate Chapters by their representatives, to wit:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Daniel Blackman.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Samuel Bishop. Avery C. Babcock. James Eaton.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Dyer T. Brainard.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Uriah Turner.
Warren Chapter, Woodstock,	No. 12—Luther Rawson. Aaron Corbin.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Samuel Simons.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Samuel Buell, 2d.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—James Ward. Asahel Saunders. Benoni A. Shepherd.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Levi Candee. Samuel Wire. Mitchell S. Mitchell.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Nathaniel S. Wildman.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in solemn and ample form.

The auditing committee presented their annual report on the state of the funds of the Grand Chapter, which was read and is as follows:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Chapter to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, for the year ending May, 1839, report that they have attended to that duty and do find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary for said year have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, in whose hands there now remains a balance due the Grand Chapter of one hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty-eight cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY PECK, } Auditors.
F. CROSWELL, }

New Haven, May 6, 1839.

On motion,

Voted, That the report of the auditing committee be approved and accepted.

The G. Secretary submitted to the Grand Chapter various communications received during the past year, which were referred to a committee of two, consisting of Companions Peck and Mitchell.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when ballots were taken and the following Companions unanimously re-elected to the several offices affixed to their names:

M. E. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand H. Priest,
E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, D. G. H. P.,
E. PHINEAS LORD, Grand King,
E. ANSON T. COLT, Grand Scribe,
E. LABAN SMITH, G. Treasurer,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, G. Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Companion LUCIUS TYLER, Grand Marshal,
Companion MARCUS BASSETT, G. Sentinel,
Rev. Companion STEPHEN JEWETT, G. Chaplain,
Companion ASA BUDINGTON, } G. Stewards,
Componion ALEX. STORER, }
Companion ISAAC TUTTLE, G. Tyler,
Companion HENRY PECK, } Auditors.
Companion F. CROSWELL, }

The Grand Secretary reported that the following delinquent Chapters had been duly notified that agreeable to a resolution passed at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, unless they should show cause for their neglect to comply with the By-Laws at the present convocation, the question would be taken on revoking their charters, viz:

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown,
Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich,
Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester,
Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown,
Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Redding and Weston,
Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham,
Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Washington,
Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford,
Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent,
Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan,
Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland,
LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby,
Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington.

The present representatives of Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, gave satisfactory reasons in behalf of their Chapters. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, be and they hereby are excused and exempt from penalty or censure on account of former delinquency.

Written or verbal excuses were received in behalf of Washington Chapter, No. 6, Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, showing cause for their delinquency at the present convocation. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the subject of revoking the charters of Washington Chapter, No. 6, Lynch Chapter, No. 8, Trinity Chapter, No. 9, and Adoni-

ram Chapter, No. 18, be and the same hereby is postponed until the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of E. Companion Mitchell the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, at Washington, be and they hereby are authorized to hold their future convocations at Woodbury; *provided*, that at a convocation of said Fidelity Chapter, warned for that purpose, a majority shall be found in favor of such measure.

The question was then taken on revoking the charters of the remaining delinquents, and the following resolutions adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the charters of the following subordinate Chapters (they having neglected to comply with the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter) be and the same hereby are declared to be revoked, null and void, viz.:

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich,
Vanden Broeck Chapter, No. 5, Colchester,
Hamilton Chapter, No. 14, Kent,
Meridian Chapter, No. 15, Canaan,
LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is directed to demand and receive said charters, in person or by proxy, together with the books, papers, jewels and implements belonging to said Chapters, and deposit the same with the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to grant dispensations, until the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, to any of the annulled Chapters which may request it, if in his opinion the interests of Masonry will be thereby promoted.

The committee on foreign correspondence reported,

That they have examined the files furnished them by the Grand Secretary and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Chapter, except the following resolution of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, reported in the proceedings of that body at their Triennial Convocation held at Boston in September last:

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the different Grand Chapters under this jurisdiction the fact of the existence of a spurious Grand Lodge in the city of New York, and also the opinion of the General Grand Chapter that there should be no Masonic communication between them and any one connected with the spurious Lodge."

Your committee recommend that the above resolution be approved and adopted by this Grand Chapter, and communicated by the Grand Secretary to the several Chapters under its jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. Peck,
M. S. Mitchell, } Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the report be approved and accepted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1839.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Allan N. Smith, Leonard Chamberlin, George Shumway.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—George C. Wilson, William M. Baker, Isaac Treby, Joseph Bailey, Thomas W. Williams, 2d, Elisha Douglass.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1840.

At an annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, May 14, A. L. 5840, and R. A. M. 2370.

PRESENT.

M. E. William H. Ellis, Grand High Priest,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. Lucius Tyler, Grand King, *pro tem.*,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. Henry Peck, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*,
E. E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Companion Marcus Basset, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" Nahum Flagg, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
" Asa Budington, Grand Steward,
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler,
M. E. William H. Jones, Past Grand High Priest,

and the following subordinate Chapters by their legal representatives or proxies:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven, No. 2—Marcus Bassett. Nahum Flagg. A. H. Woodruff.

Solomon Chapter, Derby, No. 3—James Smith. Th. S. Skelton. George Blackman.

Washington Chapter, Middletown, No. 6—Samuel Cooper.

Union Chapter, New London, No. 7—Dyer T. Brainard. George C. Wilson.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford, No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d. B. A. Shepherd.

Eureka Chapter, Oxford, No. 22—Samuel Wire. Josiah Nettleton. D. M. Ewen.

At 10 o'clock A. M., the Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in solemn and ample form.

The auditing committee presented the following report:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Chapter to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the year ending May, 1840, have attended to that duty, and do find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary for said year have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, in whose hands there now remains a balance due the Grand Chapter of one hundred and sixty-one dollars and ninety-three cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY PECK, } Committee.
F. CROSWELL, }

New Haven, May 6, 1840.

On motion,

Voted, That the report of the auditing committee be approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter the correspondence of the past year, which was referred to a committee consisting of Companions Peck and Wire.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. Companions Samuel Bishop and J. Nettleton were appointed tellers. Ballots were taken and the following Companions duly elected, viz.:

Companion WILLIAM H. ELLIS, M. E. G. H. Priest,
" HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, D. G. H. P.,
" LUCIUS TYLER, Grand King,
" BENONI A. SHEPHERD, Grand Scribe,
" LABAN SMITH, Grand Treasurer,
" ELIPHALET G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Rev. Companion JOSIAH BREWER, Grand Chaplain,
Companion MARCUS BASSETT, Grand Marshal,
" SAMUEL WIRE, Grand Sentinel,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, } Grand Stewards,
" GEORGE SHUMWAY, }
" ISAAC TUTTLE, Grand Tyler,
" HENRY PECK, } Auditing Committee.
" F. CROSWELL, }

The committee on correspondence made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Chapter beg leave to report that they have examined the files furnished them by the Grand Secretary, consisting of communications from various Grand Chapters in the United States, from the tenor of which your committee are happy to learn that the cause of Free Masonry is still advancing in different portions of our country. We find nothing in these communications which require the special notice of this Grand Chapter; the committee would therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to continue the correspondence by communicating to the several Grand Chapters in the United States the proceedings and names of officers of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Peck, } Committee.
S. Wire, }

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary made a report of delinquent Chapters.

The following resolutions were submitted by several Companions, and duly discussed, and adopted and passed by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the charters of Lynch Chapter, No. 8, and Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, be and the same hereby are revoked and declared null and void, said Chapters having failed to comply with the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That Washington Chapter, No. 6, and Trinity Chapter, No. 9, be excused from penalty and censure, said Chapters having made returns at the present convocation.

Resolved, That Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, be allowed one year from this time to organize, elect officers and make returns to the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant dispensations until the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, to any of the annulled Chapters which may request it, if in his opinion the interests of Masonry will be thereby promoted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to demand and receive, either in person or by proxy, the charters of all annulled Chapters, together with the books, papers, jewels and implements of said Chapters, and deposit the same with the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the auditing committee (Companions H. Peck and F. Croswell) be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to perform the duties of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter during the absence of Companion Labau Smith, the Grand Treasurer elect.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1840.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven--Henry T. Huggins, Henry Lee, Burr Nash, Daniel H. Brown, Frederick Daggett, James Reed, Henry Ward, William E. Sanford.

EXPELLED—By Eureka Chapter, No. 23—William Simmons.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1841.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 13th, A. L. 5841, and R. A. M. 2371.

PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, G. H. P.,
E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, D. G. H. P.,
E. LUCIUS TYLER, G. King,
E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, G. Scribe,
E. BENJAMIN BEECHER, G. Treasurer, *pro tem.*,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, G. Secretary,
Companion WILLIAM E. SANFORD, G. Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" AVERY C. BABCOCK, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
" ASAHEL SAUNDERS, G. Steward,
" ISAAC TUTTLE, G. Tyler,

and the following subordinate Chapters by their legal representatives or their proxies, to wit:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William E. Sanford. Henry Peck. Avery C. Babcock.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Dyer T. Brainard. Isaac Treby. Elisha Douglass.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebbard.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Mitchell S. Mitchell. Josiah Guilford. William Pemberton.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d. Benoni A. Shepherd. Gideon Welles.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Samuel S. Olmsted.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in solemn and ample form.

The auditing committee presented their annual report on the state of the funds of the Grand Chapter, as follows:

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, for the year ending May, 1841, report that since the last convocation of the Grand Chapter our beloved Companion, Laban Smith, has rested from his labors, and your committee have waited upon his executor, Companion Benjamin Beecher, in whose hands they found the books and papers of the Grand Chapter left by the late Grand Treasurer; and upon examination they find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary had been paid to the late Grand Treasurer previous to his decease; and the said executor acknowledges that he has funds in his hands, belonging to the Grand Chapter, amounting to one hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-one cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY PECK, } Committee.
F. CROSWELL, }

New Haven, May 8, 1841.

On motion,

Voted, That the report of the auditing committee be approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Chapter the various communications received during the past year, which were referred to a commitee of two Companions, viz.: Henry Peck and Elisha Douglass.

On motion of Companion Babcock,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will now proceed to the election of Grand officers for the ensuing year.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Hyde and Guilford a committee to receive and count the votes. The following Companions were then declared duly elected to the several offices appended to their names, viz.:

M. E. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, G. H. P.,
E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, D. G. H. P.,

E. Lucius Tyler, G. King,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, G. Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The M. E. G. H. P. announced the following appointments:

Rev. Companion John Moore, Grand Chaplain,
Companion Marcus Bassett, G. Marshal,
" William E. Sanford, G. Sentinel,
" Joseph G. Anthony, } G. Stewards,
" Henry S. Wadsworth, }
" Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler,
" Henry Peck, } Auditing Committee.
" F. Croswell, }

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Grand Chapter on the decease of our late M. E. Companion Laban Smith.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Henry Peck and Gideon Welles on said committee.

The committee on foreign correspondence made the following report:

That during the past year communications have been received from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana. From the tenor of these communications it appears that the cause of Masonry in our happy country is advancing with a firm and steady pace, and that the dark cloud, which for a time over-shadowed our prospects, is fast passing away. Your committee do not find, however, among these communications anything that seems to require the special action of this Grand Chapter. They would therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to contiuue the correspondence by communicating to the several Grand Chapters of the United States the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Peck, } Committee.
Elisha Douglass, }

Hartford, May 13, 1841.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following subordinate Chapters were not represented and made no returns at the last convocation of this

Grand Chapter, viz.: Hiram, No. 1, Newtown; Fidelity, No. 10, Woodbury; Rittenhouse, No. 11, Stamford; Warren, No. 12, Woodstock; Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington; Washington, No. 24, Norwalk.

M. E. Companion Hyde having given satisfactory reasons for the delinquency of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, said Chapter was, on his motion, excused from penalty.

Companion Mitchell also made a statement in behalf of Fidelity Chapter, No. 10; whereupon it was on motion,

Voted, That said Chapter be excused, and one year from this time allowed to make up their delinquency and make their returns to Grand Chapter.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Secretary notify those Chapters which have not been represented and made returns to the Grand Chapter for two or more years that unless they pay the penalty prescribed by the By-Laws, or show satisfactory cause for the neglect, the question will be taken at the next annnual convocation on revoking their charter.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the decease of M. E. Companion Laban Smith submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has been announced to this Grand Chapter that since our last convocation our worthy and respected Companion, Laban Smith, late Grand Treasurer, and formerly Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, has been called from the stations he formerly held in this Grand Chapter with so much honor to himself and satisfaction to the Masonic fraternity, to "that bourne whence no traveler returns;"

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter deeply deplore the melancholy dispensation of an all-wise Providence in removing by death our worthy Companion, and that we most sincerely sympathise with his afflicted family and friends in the loss they have sustained, and which has deprived society of a useful and valuable member, and our order of one of its brightest ornaments.

Resolved, That as a token of our respect for the memory of our departed Companion, the members of this Grand Chapter will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. be requested to furnish the family of our deceased Companion with a copy of these resolutions, and that the same be entered on the records and published with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The newly elected officers were then duly installed into their respective offices, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1841.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—George Sanford, Joseph G. Anthony, Edward A. Mitchell, Henry S. Wadsworth.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—Joel W. White, Horatio Webb.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—Rev. Lenas Cook, Erastus Price.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1842.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, the 12th day of May, A. L. 5842, R. A. M. 2382.

PRESENT.

M. E. William H. Ellis, Grand High Priest,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. Lucius Tyler, Grand King,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Companion Nahum Flagg, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" William E. Sanford, Grand Sentinel,
" Joseph G. Anthony, Grand Steward,
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler,

and the following subordinate Chapters by their legal representatives or their proxies, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William H. Jones. E. G. Storer. Thomas G. Woodward.
Solomon Chapter, Derby,	No. 3—Thomas S. Shelton.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Caleb Hayward. David L. Fuller.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—Mitchell S. Mitchell.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—George Dewey.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—H. Goodwin, 2d. Solomon Porter. Horace Belden.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Samuel Wire, William M. Pemberton. Henry Hine.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—William Peck.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in solemn and ample form.

The auditing committee presented the following report, which was approved and accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last annual convocation to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and would report that they find all the funds which have been received by the G. Secretary, belonging to the Grand Chapter, have been paid to the G. Treasurer, in whose hands there is now a balance of seventy-three dollars sixty-four cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY PECK, } Committee.
F. CROSWELL, }

New Haven, May 10, 1842.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Mitchell, Porter and Belden a commitee on foreign correspondence, to whom were referred the several communications received by the Grand Secretary during the past year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The M. E. G. H. P. then made a brief address to the Grand Chapter, at the close of which he declined being a candidate for re-election. Ballots were now taken and the following Companions duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names, viz.:

M. E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, Grand High Priest,
E. LUCIUS TYLER, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, Grand King,
E. NAHUM FLAGG, Grand Scribe,
E. BENJAMIN BEECHER, Grand Treasurer,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers elected were then duly installed by the M. E. P. G.

Wm. H. Ellis, after which the Grand High Priest annnounced the following appointments:

Rev. Companion JOHN MOORE, Grand Chaplain,
Companion WILLIAM E. SANFORD, Grand Marshal,
" GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand Sentinel,
" CYRUS GOODELL, } G. Stewards,
" THEODORE SPENCER, }
" JOHN BELDEN, Grand Tyler.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to our M. E. Companion William H. Ellis, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest for the last three years, and for the active interest he has long taken in behalf of the order in this State.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following subordinate Chapters made no returns at the last annual convocation, viz.: Hiram, No. 1, Newtown; Solomon, No. 3, Derby; Washington, No. 6, Middletown; Fidelity, No. 10, Woodbury; Rittenhouse, No. 11, Stamford; Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport; Eureka, No. 22, Oxford; Washington, No. 24, Norwalk.

The present representatives of No. 1, No. 3, No. 10 and No. 22, submitted reasons satisfactory and acceptable to the Grand Chapter for the delinquencies of their respective Chapters; and no representations being made in behalf of the remaining delinquents, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Fidelity Chapter, No. 10 and Eureka Chapter, No. 22, be excused from the penalty incurred by a breach of the By-Laws provided for cases of delinquency.

Resolved, That the charters of Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, and Washington Chapter, No. 24, be and the same hereby are revoked and annulled, said Chapters having for several years neglected to comply with the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to demand and take possession of said charters and deposit the same with the archives of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That Washington Chapter, No. 6, at Middletown, be allowed one year from the present convocation to account for their delinquency, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify said Chapter that unless they show satisfactory reasons for the same at the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, the question will then be taken on revoking their charter.

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. is hereby authorized to grant dispensations to any Chapter whose charter has been revoked, upon the application of the three first officers of such Chapters, if in his opinion the

interests of the order would be thereby promoted: provided that such dispensation shall in no case extend beyond the next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and to be then returned.

The committee on foreign correspondence submitted the following report, which was approved and accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Chapter for the past year, beg leave to report that they have partially reviewed the papers placed in their hands by the Grand Secretary, consisting of communications from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Louisiana and Alabama, and an abstract of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America at their Triennial Convocation in the city of New York in September last. From these communications your committee have gathered the means of congratulating the Grand Chapter, and the fraternity at large, on the prosperous and flourishing condition of our order throughout the country; and from a report on the general state of Masonry, made to the General Grand Chapter, we learn that "even in the benighted State of Vermont the sun of Masonry is above the horizon, and in a few years will again shine forth with bright effulgence." Your committee would recommend the continuance of the correspondence with the various Grand Chapters and other Masonic bodies throughout the country, and would direct the particular attention of this Grand Chapter to the following resolution, which they find in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter:

"*Resolved*, That the next Triennial Meeting of this General Grand Chapter be held in the city of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, on the second Tuesday of September, 1844."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. S. Mitchell,
S. Porter,
H. Belden, } Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That action in relation to the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to be held in the city of New Haven, be referred to the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to make out and present to the Grand Chapter, at the next annual convocation (if he shall

find it practicable), a list of the Past Grand Officers who are entitled to permanent membership in this Grand Chapter, by the provisions of the Constitutions and By-Laws thereof, or by the ancient usages of the order.

Companions Henry Peck and Frederick Croswell were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter for the current year, and make a report on the state of the funds at the next annual convocation.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed in solemn and ample form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1842.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Charles Ruckoldt.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Allyn Goodwin, Theodore Spencer, Jr., Cyrus Goodell, Solomon Porter, Horace Belden, Joseph Davis.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Henry Hine, Joshua Guilford, Wm. M. Pemberton.

Admitted—By Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven, Lester Keep, Obadiah Pease, Noah Chandler; by Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Woodbury, M. S. Mitchell.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

MAY, A. D. 1843.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, May 11th, A. D., 1843.

PRESENT.

M. E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, G. H. P.,
" LUCIUS TYLER, D. G. H. P.,
" BENONI A. SHEPHERD, G. K.,
" JAMES WARD, G. Scribe, *pro tem.*,
" BENJ. BEECHER, G. Treasurer,
" E. G. STORER, G. Secretary,
Companion JOHN MOORE, G. Chaplain,
" WILLIAM E. SANFORD, G. Marshal,
" GEORGE GIDDINGS, G. Sentinel,
" CYRUS GOODELL, } G. STEWARDS.
" THEODORE SPENCER, }
" JOHN BELDEN, G. Tyler,

and the following Chapters by their legal representatives, or their proxies:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—E. G. Storer. R. S. Hinman. William H. Ellis.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—J. Kilbourn, Jr.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebard. Amherst Scoville.
Warren Chapter, Woodstock,	No. 12—Ingoldsby W. Crawford. Samuel Fenner.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phineas Taylor.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d. B. A. Shepherd. George Giddings.

Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—J. Guilford. William Pemberton. C. Candee.
Washington Chapter,	No. 24—James Stevens.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The auditing committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, for the year ending May 10, 1843, respectfully report that they have attended to that duty, and find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Grand Chapter, have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that there is now in the Treasury the sum of thirty-seven dollars and two cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY PECK, F. CROSWELL, } Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Crawford, Scoville and Hebard a committee on foreign correspondence, to whom were referred the various communications received by the Grand Secretary during the past year.

Companion J. Stevens presented the petition of several members of Washington Chapter, No. 24, praying for the restoration of their charter, and accompanied by certificates showing that the former delinquencies of said Chapter were in consequence of unavoidable circumstances, and not on account of any negligence on the part of the officers.

After hearing the petition and accompanying documents, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the charter of Washington Chapter, No. 24, be restored to the former members thereof, and that Companion James Stevens be admitted to a seat at the present convocation, as the representative of said Chapter.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Chapter now proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Tellers were appointed and the ballots collected, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, of Hartford, G. H. P.,
E. Lucius Tyler, of Norwich, D. G. H. P.,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, of Hartford, G. K.,
E. William E. Sanford, of New Haven, G. S.,
E. Benjamin Beecher, of New Haven, G. Treas.,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, of New Haven, G. Secretary.

The Grand Officers elected were then duly installed, when the Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Rev. Companion John Moore, G. Chaplain,
Companion George Giddings, G. Marshal,
" Theodore Spencer, G. Sentinel,
" R. S. Hinman, } G. Stewards,
" E. Gilbert, Jr., }
" Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler.

Companion Crawford, from the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The committee to whom were referred the communications from the Grand Chapters of our sister States, have given to the subject all the attention which the very short time allowed to them would permit, and they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary reciprocate the courtesy of our sister Grand Chapters by communicating to them the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and that he request a continuance of their fraternal correspondence.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I. W. Crawford, Chairman.

Companion R. S. Hinman introduced the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That at each annual convocation of the Grand Chapter there shall be appointed a standing committee, of which the Grand Secretary shall be the chairman, who shall review all communications addressed to

the Grand Chapter, answer the same when necessary, and report at the next annual convocation.

Companion E. G. Storer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report, at the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, what arrangements it may be expedient to make in consequence of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at New Haven, in September, 1844.

The resolution was adopted, and Companions E. G. Storer, Lucius Tyler, R. S. Hinman, William H. Jones and Anson T Colt were appointed on the committee.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last annual convocation, the Grand Secretary reported the following list of surviving Past Grand Officers, entitled to permanent membership:

Past Grand High Priests—Elizur Goodrich, Wm. H. Jones, Asa Child, Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Wm. H. Ellis.

Past Deputy Grand High Priests—Andrew L. Hill, Samuel C. Blackman, Leonard Hendee, William H. Holly.

Past Grand Kings—David Deming, Phineas Lord.

Past Grand Scribes—Levi H. Clark, James Ward, Anson T. Colt, Nahum Flagg.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The following resolution, offered by the Grand Secretary, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be and are hereby empowered to take such measures as they may find expedient with regard to conferring the Order of High Priesthood, by authority of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions F. Croswell and R. S. Hinman a committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter for the current year, and to make report at the next annual convocation.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1843.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Theodore W. Werner, Robinson S. Hinman, Elijah Gilbert, Jr.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Charles French, George Thompson, Abraham Gordon.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—John H. Preston, David Clark, Caleb Strong Holt, Guy R. Phelps, James B. Gilman, Stillman Niles.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1844.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, begun and holden at the Lodge Room in the Temple, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, May 9, 1844.

PRESENT.

M. E. Lucius Tyler, Deputy Grand High Priest,
" Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand King,
" William E. Sanford, Grand Scribe,
" Benjamin Beecher, Grand Treasurer,
" Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
" George Giddings, Grand Marshal,
" Theodore Spencer, Grand Sentinel,
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Companions Crawford and Bassett were appointed as a committee on credentials.

Companions Ellis and Peck were appointed a committee on foreign correspondence.

After reading the minutes of last year's convocation, the auditors' report was presented and read as follows:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned, surviving member of the auditing committee appointed at the last annual convocation, respectfully reports that he has attended to the duty assigned to said committee, and having examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending May 8, 1844, finds that all monies belonging to the Grand Chapter, which have been received by the G. Secretary, have been paid over to the G. Treasurer; and that after paying the expenses of the current year, there is a balance in the treasury of two dollars and fifteen cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. Croswell, Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

The committee on credentials reported that the following Companions were present as representatives of subordinate Chapters, viz.:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall. Charles Sherman.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Anson T. Colt. Marcus Bassett. A. H. Woodruff.
Fidelity Chapter, Woodbury,	No. 10—M. S. Mitchell.
Warren Chapter, Woodstock,	No. 12—I. W. Crawford. Luther Rawson.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—B. A. Shepherd. G. Giddings. T. Spencer, Jr.
Eureka Chapter, Oxford,	No. 22—Garry Riggs.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Fred. S. Wildman.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—Stephen Smith.

On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

A petition was received from Companions Jeremiah Parish, Loren P. Waldo, Ariel Ladd, Lebbeus Tinker, S. L. Griggs, Alden Skinner, Luther Eaton and Horatio Dow, members of the late Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, located at Tolland, praying for the restoration of their charter.

The petition and accompanying documents were referred to a committee consisting of Companions Storer, Rawson and Smith.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. Tellers were appointed and ballots collected, when the following Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, of Hartford, G. H. P.,
E. Lucius Tyler, of Norwich, Deputy G. H. P.,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, of Hartford, G. King,
E. William E. Sanford, of New Haven, G. Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, of New Haven, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, of New Haven, G. Secretary.

The appointment of the following subordinate officers was announced from the East:

Companion George Giddings, G. Marshal,
" Theodore Spencer, G. Sentinel,
" Rev. John Moore, G. Chaplain,
" Cyrus Goodell, } Grand Stewards,
" David Clark, }
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

Companion Ellis, from the committee on foreign correspondence, presented the following report, which was accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Grand Chapter respectfully report that they have examined the several communications received by the Grand Secretary during the past year, but find nothing requiring the special action, or particular consideration of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Ellis, } Committee.
Henry Peck, }

Companion Storer, from the committee on Adoniram Chapter, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion Jeremiah Parish, of Tolland, and several other Companions, praying for the restoration of the charter of Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, respectfully report that they have examined the documents accompanying said petition, and are satisfied that the reasons set forth by the petitioners are sufficient to justify the Grand Chapter in granting their request. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the charter of Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, be and is hereby restored to the Companions formerly composing the same, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to resume labor, elect their officers, and take their former station as a regular Chapter under this jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. G. Storer, }
Luther Rawson, } Committee.
Stephen Smith, }

Companion Crawford offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to receive all monies which may be deposited with him by any subordinate Chapter in this State; to loan the same on interest, with ample security, in the name of the Grand Chapter, and to refund the amount within sixty days after it shall be demanded by the Chapter to which it may belong.

The committee appointed at the last annual convocation to report "what arrangements it may be expedient to make in consequence of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at New Haven, in September next," reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter has learned with unfeigned pleasure that the General Grand Chapter of the United States will hold their next Triennial Convocation in the city of New Haven, on the second Tuesday in September next, and the use of the Masonic Hall in the Temple is hereby tendered to them for that occasion.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will hold a special convocation on Wednesday following the said second Tuesday in September, for the purpose of paying suitable respect to the distinguished Masonic bodies which will then be in session in this city, and that the subordinate Chapters be invited to attend.

Companion Shepherd submitted the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to empower Companion Wilson B. Spring to demand and take possession, in the name of this Grand Chapter, of the charter and effects of the late Meridian Chapter, No. 15, formerly located at Canaan, and hold the same subject to the order of the Grand Chapter.

No further business being offered, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1844.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Charles Lines, Emanuel Henriques, Henry Warriner, Chauncey Johnson.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—William R. Dane, Thomas M. Lyon, Joseph I. Lawrence.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Woodstock—Francis S. Palmer, Mowry Amesbury.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Elizur Skinner, N. C. Geer, Elihu Geer.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford—Patrick Murray, Nathaniel Walker.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1845.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 15th, 1845, R. A. M. 2375.

PRESENT.

M. E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, Grand High Priest,
E. LUCIUS TYLER, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, Grand King,
E. WILLIAM E. SANFORD, Grand Scribe,
E. JAMES WARD, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, G. Secretary,
Companion GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand Marshal,
Companion THEODORE SPENCER, Jr, Grand Sentinel,
Rev. Companion JOHN MOORE, Grand Chaplain,
Companion CYRUS GOODELL, } Grand Stewards,
Companion DAVID CLARK, }
Companion ELIZUR SKINNER, Grand Tyler.

FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,
No. 2—Anson T. Colt.
William H. Ellis.
George Shumway.

Union Chapter, New London,
No. 7—Elisha Douglass.
Ebenezer H. Watrous.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,
No. 9—G. Hebbard.
L. Hendee.

Warren Chapter, Pomfret,
No. 12—Samuel Fenner.
J. Amesbury.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,
No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d.
Benoni A. Shepherd.
Seymour Watrous.

Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,
No. 19—Hezekiah Scott.

Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—Henry W. Smith.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the Companions present were called to order by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and after solemn prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was opened in due and ancient form.

The following committees were appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest:

On Credentials and Returns—Companions Hendee, Spencer and Smith.

On Correspondence—Companions Eaton, Shumway and Watrous.

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Hyde, Spencer and Spring.

On the Doings of the General Grand Chapter—Companions Ellis, Moore and Colt.

On Grievances—Commpanions Giddings, Sanford and Shepherd.

Companion Storer submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who may present themselves for that purpose, be admitted as visitors to this Grand Chapter, during the present convocation.

A petition was presented from Companion George Moore, and nine other Royal Arch Masons, residents of the city of Norwich, praying for the restoration of the charter of the late Franklin Chapter, No. 4; which was referred to a special committee, viz.. Companions Scott, Douglass and Fenner.

A memorial from sundry members of Warren Chapter, No. 12, appealing from a vote of said Chapter, dividing the funds thereof among its members, was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Texas, proposing an interchange of representatives with this Grand Chapter, was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported as follows:

That the Grand Officers are all present, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer, who is detained by urgent business; that the following Chapters are duly represented, and have made correct returns, viz.: Franklin, No. 2; Union, No. 7; Trinity, No. 9; Warren, No. 12; Pythagoras, No. 17; Jerusalem, No. 19; Benevolence, No. 21; Washington, No. 24.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The Grand Chapter then went into committee of the whole, M. E. Companion Ellis in the chair, on the election of Grand Officers. Companions Eaton and Spring were appointed tellers. After balloting for the several officers, the committee rose and reported that the following Companions were duly elected Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, for the ensuing year, viz..

M. E HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, G. High Priest,
E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, D. G. H. Priest,
E. WILLIAM E. SANFORD, G. King,
E. GEORGE GIDDINGS, G. Scribe,
E. BENJAMIN BEECHER, G. Treasurer,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, G. Secretary.

The report of the committee on election of Grand Officers was accepted, and the several officers duly installed; after which the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions to the respective offices attached to their names, viz.:

THEODORE SPENCER, Jr., Grand Marshal,
ELISHA DOUGLASS, Grand Sentinel,
Rev. JOHN MOORE, Grand Chaplain,
WILLIAM STORER, } Grand Stewards.
ELIJAH GILBERT, Jr., }
ISAAC TUTTLE, Grand Tyler.

The Committee on Correspondence reported as follows:

That communications have been received from the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Alabama, and also from Texas; that in these communications there is not anything requiring the action of this Grand Chapter, except in the one from Texas, proposing an interchange of representatives, which your committee would recommend to be accepted and adopted by this Grand Chapter. Your committee would also recommend that the Grand Secretary continue to correspond with the several Grand Chapters as heretofore.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The following resolution was subsequently introduced and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept the proposition of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas for an interchange of representatives, and that the M. E. Ingoldsby W. Crawford, Past Grand High Priest of

this Grand Chapter, be recommended to the Grand Chapter of Texas for their representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Companions in Norwich, for the restoration of their charter, reported:

That in the opinion of the committee the interest of Masonry would be promoted by the resuscitation of the Chapter in Norwich. The committee would therefore recommend to the Grand Chapter the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Companion George Moore and others, of the city of Norwich, be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to restore the charter of the late Franklin Chapter, No. 4, to the petitioners, upon the payment of ten dollars to the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he hereby is authorized and requested (either personally or by his proxy) to assemble the said Companions, at some convenient time and place, in the said city of Norwich, for the election and installation of the officers of said Franklin Chapter.

The above report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on the Doings of the General Grand Chapter submitted the following report, which was accepted:

The committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, have had the same under consideration and find but little requiring the notice of this Grand Chapter, except the adoption by the General Grand Chapter of sundry amendments of the By Laws, in relation to conferring the degrees, which the committee recommend should be transcribed into the records of this Grand Chapter, and published with their proceedings, for the benefit of the subordinate Chapters.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry members of Warren Chapter, No. 12, reported that they had examined the documents submitted to them, from which, and from other unquestionable testimony, they ascertained the following facts:

That a special convocation of Warren Chapter, No. 12, was held on the 18th day of June last, when a resolution was passed to divide the funds then on hand, which amounted to about four hundred dollars, amongst the members of said Chapter, and a committee appointed to carry the same into effect. The question on this resolution was decided by yeas and nays, seventeen Companions voting in the affirmative, and seven in the negative. From this decision, the Companions who were in the minority

on said vote made an appeal, and have presented their appeal to the Grand Chapter, in the following words, viz..

"Be it remembered, that on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1844, at a special convocation of Warren Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 12, held at the house of Whitman Chamberlin, in Woodstock, a majority of the members then present adopted a resolution, 'That the funds of this Chapter, with the exception of one hundred dollars now deposited with Grand Chapter, be distributed amongst the members now living within the jurisdiction of the Chapter; and that a committee of three be appointed to report to the next convocation of the Chapter who are members and entitled to share of the funds.' The undersigned, members of the Chapter, having a joint interest in the funds, voted against the adoption of said resolution, as appears by the record of the meeting. And now, before an actual distribution of the funds has been made, they appeal from the decision of the majority aforesaid, to the judgment and final determination of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, to be held at Hartford, on the second Thursday after the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1845; and they request that this appeal be entered on the records of said Warren Chapter."

I. W. Crawford, Luther Rawson,
John W. Wells, Benjamin Bradford.
Samuel Underwood, Henry Wells.

Dated at Pomfret, Sept. 24, 1844.

"At a regular convocation of Warren Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 12, held at the house of Larned Haskell, in Pomfret, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1844, the foregoing appeal was read and ordered to be entered on the records of the Chapter.

Attest, John Williams, Secretary of said Chapter."

The committee are unanimously of the opinion that no Chapter has a right to distribute its funds among the members thereof, for their own personal emolumeut, as contemplated by the vote of Warren Chapter, but that such funds are to be used only for Masonic and charitable purposes; and they recommend that the above appeal be sustained by the Grand Chapter, and that the vote of said Warren Chapter, distributing their funds among the members, be annulled; and they further recommend that measures be taken, at this time, to prevent any Chapter under this jurisdiction from disposing of their funds in like manner. The committee beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the vote passed by Warren Chapter, No. 12, on the 18th of June, 1844, authorizing a distribution of the funds of said Chapter

among the members thereof, be and the same hereby is annulled, and declared void and of no effect.

On motion, it was voted, unanimously, that the above report be accepted and the resolution adopted, and that the following clause be added to the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter;

No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall divide the funds, or any part thereof, belonging to such Chapter among the members thereof, without the consent and approbation of the Grand Chapter first had and obtained. Provided, that this By-Law shall not prohibit the voting any sum from the funds of subordinate Chapters to worthy Companions, their widows and orphans, in distressed or indigent circumstances.

The Committee on Delinquent Chapters submitted the following report, which was accepted and the accompanying resolutions adopted:

The Committee on Delinquencies, having examined the files and minutes of the Grand Secretary, find that Solomon Chapter, No. 3, and Washington Chapter, No. 6, have made no returns or representations to the Grand Chapter for several years, and therefore justly liable to pay the penalty prescribed by the By-Laws. Your committee also find that the effects of several subordinate Chapters, whose charters have been revoked, have not been surrendered by the individuals having them in possession, as required by the regulations and decisions of this Grand Chapter. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions, with a hope that the same may be carried into effect.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to demand of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, and Washington Chapter, No. 6, the sums forfeited by them for a breach of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, and in default of the payment thereof, that they show cause, at the next annual convocation, why their charters should not be annulled.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make a positive demand in the name of this Grand Chapter, either personally or by some proxy appointed by him, of the charter and effects of the late LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, and of any other annulled Chapter, under this jurisdiction, whose effects have not been surrendered, of whomsoever the same may be in possession; and that such effects when received be deposited with the archives of the Grand Chapter, subject to their future orders.

Resolved, That any Companion who may have in his possession the effects of a Chapter whose charter has been revoked, and shall refuse to surrender the same to the Grand Secretary, or to his proxy empowered to demand the same, shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Chapter

to show cause why they should not be dealt with as the merits of the case may require.

A report from the Grand Treasurer was read and accepted, showing that the only funds now in his hands are one hundred dollars deposited by Warren Chapter, No. 12, under a regulation of the Grand Chapter, adopted in May, 1844.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions F. Croswell and E. Gilbert, Jr., auditing committee for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

Attest, E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter May, A. D. 1845.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Charles Brown, Appolonaire Husson, Sterling Warriner, J. F. Houdayer.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Perry Douglass, Franklin Smith, Cyril C. Hughes.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Henry Perkins, Andrew H. Mills.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1846.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at the Temple, in New Haven, Thursday, May 14, A. L. 5846, R. A. M. 2376.

PRESENT.

M. E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand High Priest,
E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. William E. Sanford, Grand King,
E. George Giddings, Grand Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, G. Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary,
Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" Elisha Douglass, Grand Sentinel,
" William Storer, Grand Steward,
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall. Charles Sherman.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Nahum Flagg. Fred. Croswell. Asa Budington.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—C. Burgess. A. Downer.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Elisha Douglass.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Benjamin Webb.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Luther Rawson.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Horace Goodwin, 2d. Benoni A. Shepherd. David Clark.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Chauncey Olmstead.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the M. E. Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in due and ancient form. Printed copies of the proceedings of the last annual convocation were then distributed among the Companions present.

Companion Sanford offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who may present themselves for that purpose, be admitted as visitors to this Grand Chapter, during the present convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Companions Flagg, Hyde and Olmstead.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions Babcock, Burgess and Stevens.

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Sanford, Douglass and Hall.

On Grievances—Companions Giddings, Marsh and Ellis.

On Unfinished Business—Companions Wildman, Rawson and Jones.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was approved and accepted, and the committee discharged:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last annual convocation, to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and do find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary and due to the Grand Chapter have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that all bills paid by the Grand Treasurer have been duly authenticated and accompanied by proper vouchers; and there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of five dollars and fifteen cents due the Grand Chapter, and one hundred dollars on deposit in favor of Warren Chapter, No. 12.

F. Croswell, } Committee.
E. Gilbert, Jr., }

New Haven, May 14, 1846.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following Companions

were entitled to seats as members of the Grand Chapter at the present convocation :

Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Alexander Hall,
Benoni A. Shepherd,	Charles Sherman,
William E. Sanford,	Fred. Croswell,
George Giddings,	Asa Budington,
Benjamin Beecher,	Chauncey Burgess,
E. G. Storer,	Benjamin Webb,
Elisha Douglass,	Luther Rawson,
William Storer,	David Marsh,
William H. Ellis,	David Clark,
Isaac Tuttle,	Chauncey Olmstead,
Cyrus Goodell,	William Hyde,
William H. Jones,	Avery Downer,
Leonard Hendee,	James Stevens,
Anson T. Colt,	A. C. Babcock,
Nahum Flagg,	Henry Peck,
George Shumway,	Elizur Skinner.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

Companion Rawson, on motion and leave granted, presented the following extract from the records of Warren Chapter, No. 12:

At a regular convocation of Warren Chapter, No. 12, held at the hall of Companion Learned Haskill, in Pomfret on the 24th day of March, 1846,

Voted, That the money deposited in the treasury of the Grand Chapter be recalled, on giving sixty days notice.

Voted, That Companion Luther Rawson be the agent to give the notice, and receive the money from the Grand Chapter.

The above is a true copy of the records.

Attest, JOHN WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer stated that the notice from Warren Chapter had been received in due time; whereupon it was, on motion, unanimously

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to refund to Warren Chapter, No. 12, the money deposited with him, belonging to said Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following report, which was approved and accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

Agreeable to a resolution passed by the Grand Chapter at their annual convocation, May 15th, 1845, the charter of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, has been restored, and on the 10th of February last, I convened the members of said Chapter at their hall in Norwich when, after opening the Chapter in due form, the following Companions were elected principal officers, and subsequently installed by me, agreeable to ancient forms, viz.: Appleton Meach, H. P.; Chauncey Burgess, K.; Frederick Prentice, S.; Thomas Robinson, Treasurer; John H. Grace, Secretary. I take much pleasure in announcing that this Chapter has resumed its labors under favorable circumstances, and with the most flattering prospects of success and usefulness.

H. Goodwin, 2d, G. H. P.

On motion of Companion Ellis, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. M. E. Companion Goodwin declined a re-election to the office of Grand High Priest, and appointed Companions Ellis and Hyde a committee to receive and count the votes. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions were duly elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

M. E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand High Priest,
E. William E. Sanford, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. George Giddings, Grand King,
E. Theodore Spencer, Jr., Grand Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, Grand Treasurer.
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Companion Elisha Douglass, Grand Marshal,
" Chauncey Burgess, Grand Sentinel,
" Rev. John Moore, Grand Chaplain,
" James Stevens, } Grand Stewards,
" Cyrus Goodell, }
" Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

Companion Peck offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to M. E. Companion Horace Goodwin, 2d, for the able and satisfactory manner in

which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest while in that office.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and find that communications have been received during the past year from the Grand Chapters of Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, Ohio, Maine, Alabama, Virginia and Texas, and also from the General Grand Chapter of the United States. From these documents we are happy to perceive that the general prosperity of this order of Masonry continues to increase in the various sections of our country from which the communications have been received. The limited time allowed your committee to examine these papers renders it altogether impracticable to present any detail of their contents. We trust that the correspondence with the several Grand Chapters will be continued, and would recommend that the Grand Chapter appoint a committee at each annual convocation, whose duty it shall be to examine carefully, during the year, the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, as it may come to hand, in order that a more interesting report may hereafter be made.

The committee would call your attention to a fact stated by the General Grand Secretary, in a letter to our Grand Secretary, concerning the Grand Chapter of Texas, and if we have been more hasty in our acceptance of the proffered exchange of representatives with that Grand Chapter than our relation to the General Grand Chapter would render proper, courtesy to our respected Companions of Texas demands that we should retrace our steps in such a careful and conciliatory manner that nothing can be seen or felt in the transaction but the hand of fraternal affection and the spirit of brotherly kindness.

Your committee would also direct the attention of the Grand Chapter to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter in relation to the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and would recommend that those degrees be hereafter conferred in the subordinate Chapters, if the Grand Council shall consent to the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. C. Babcock, } Committee.
C. Burgess, }

New Haven, May 14, 1846.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The consideration of the course recommended with regard to the Royal and Select Master's degrees, was, on motion, postponed till the next annual convocation.

Companion Sanford offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, at each annual convocation, a committee be appointed by the M. E. G. High Priest, whose duty it shall be to examine the foreign correspondence of the Grand Chapter, as it may come to hand during the recess, and report on the same to the Grand Chapter at the succeeding convocation.

Companion Clark submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, by a communication received from the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, it appears that the Grand Chapter of Texas has not been legally constituted and acknowledged by said General Grand Chapter; therefore,

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last convocation of this Grand Chapter, accepting the proposition for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Chapter of Texas, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Committee on Delinquent Chapters made the following report, which was accepted and the recommendation adopted:

The undersigned Committee on Delinquent Chapters have ascertained from the Grand Secretary that no representatives were present and no returns received, at the last annual convocation, from the following subordinate Chapters, viz..

Hiram Chapter, No. 1, Newtown,
Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Derby,
Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown,
Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, Woodbury,
Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield,
Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, Tolland,
Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington,
Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Oxford,
Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury.

The committee are not aware that any excuse has been offered in behalf of either of the above named Chapters for their delinquency; they would therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify them that they show cause, at the next annual convocation, why they should not be summarily dealt with.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLAM E. SANFORD, } Committee.
ELISHA DOUGLASS, }

On motion of Companion Ellis, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the M. E. G. High Priest, to revise the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and report at the next annual convocation ; and that they be instructed to examine the published proceedings and the late amended Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, with the view of conforming our By-Laws to the regulations of that body.

The Grand Secretary reported that in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed at the last annnual convocation, he had authorized Companion Wilson B. Spring to make "a positive demand, in the name of this Grand Chapter, of the charter and effects of the late LaFayette Chapter, No 20, of whomsoever the same may be found in possession ;" but that no returns had yet been received from Companion Spring of his doings.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees, to act during the recess and report at the next convocation :

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions F. Croswell, David Clark and E. G. Storer.

To Revise the By-Laws—Companions E. G. Storer, William H. Ellis and Nahum Flagg.

To Audit the Accounts—Companions F. Croswell, E. Gilbert, Jr., and David Clark.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1846.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—William M. B. Hartly, Lee Dunning, Christopher Sweetman, Ebenezer Allen, Elbert J. Munsell.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—William H. Copp, Edward W. Eels, Rufus L. Fanning, William Buck, Henry L. Jewett, A. L. White, James L. Danielson, Edwin N. Roath, John J. Cook, Isaac H. Roath.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Stillman H. Fickett, Leverett Lax.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Luther E. Hale, Chauncey S. Martin, Romanta Seymour, Samuel Tripp, Chester Hibbard, Nathan M. Waterman, James H. Ashmead.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—George F. Daskam, William Vanhouton, Eli K. Street, Abraham St. John Camp.

Expelled—By Union Chapter, No. 7, New London, John Danforth, Ephraim H. Babcock.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

MAY, A. D. 1847.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 15th, A. L. 5847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT.

M. E. BENONI A. SHEPHERD, Grand High Priest,
E. WILLIAM E. SANFORD, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand King,
E. THEODORE SPENCER, Grand Scribe,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, Grand Secretary,
E. WILLIAM HYDE, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*,
Companion WILLIAM H. COPP, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" CHAUNCEY BURGESS, Grand Sentinel,
" Rev. T. P. ABELL, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*,
" JAMES STEVENS, } Grand Stewards,
" CYRUS GOODELL, }
" ELIZUR SKINNER, Grand Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—William E. Sanford. Francois Turner. R. Fitzgerald.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—William H. Copp. F. Prentice. C. Burgess.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Caleb Miller. T. P. Abell. Noah A. Phelps.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebbard. Elisha Tracy.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Jabez Amesbury.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—David Marsh.

Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Benoni A. Shepherd. David Clark. Elihu Geer.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Abijah Ressiquie.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Stephen A. Hurlbut.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the M. E. Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in due and ancient form. Printed copies of the proceedings of the last annual convocation were then distributed among the Companions present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Clark, Storer and Stevens a Committee on Credentials.

Companion Sanford offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who may present themselves for that purpose, be admitted as visitors to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats as members of the Grand Chapter, at the present convocation:

Benoni A. Shepherd,	James Ward,
William E. Sanford,	Anson T. Colt,
George Giddings,	A. C. Babcok,
Theodore Spencer,	George Shumway,
E. G. Storer,	William Storer,
Elisha Douglass,	David Marsh,
Chauncey Burgess,	David Clark,
James Stevens,	William Hyde,
Cyrus Goodell,	Elizur Skinner,
Francois Turner,	Elihu Geer,
Richard Fitzgerald,	Abijah Ressiquie,
Wilson B. Spring,	Samuel Babcock,
Gurdon Hebbard,	Noah A. Phelps,
Elisha Tracy,	Caleb Miller,
William H. Copp,	T. P. Abell,
Frederick Prentice,	Jabez Amesbury,
Stephen A. Hurlbut,	John C. Blackman.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees, viz :

On Unfinished Business—Companions Abell, Blackman and Geer.
On Grievances—Companions Hebbard, Burgess and Turner.
On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Spring, Shumway and S. Babcock.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was approved and accepted :

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last annual convocation, to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and do find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary and due to the Grand Chapter, have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that all bills paid by the Grand Treasurer have been duly authenticated and accompanied by proper vouchers ; and there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of five dollars and forty cents due the Grand Chapter.

E. Gilbert, Jr.,
F. Croswell,
David Clark,
} Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following report :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut :

The undersigned having been appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at the last annual convocation, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report,

That they have received during the past year the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the following States, viz. : Maine, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Mississippi—being a greater number than has been received any former year—and have given them such attention as the time allowed them would permit.

Your committee have the pleasure to announce that since our last convocation the Royal Arch Chapters of the last named State—Mississippi—have established a Grand Chapter. Their first meeting was held at Vicksburg, in May last, and four Chapters were represented at its organization.

They also observe with great satisfaction that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter was established in the State of Indiana, in December, 1845, of which no communication has heretofore been made to this Grand Chapter. Your committee would recommend that a cordial and fraternal

greeting be extended to the Grand Chapters of these States. Their proceedings clearly show that this branch of the order we so highly value, is in the ascendancy. With a view of having their work uniform, they have employed Lecturers to visit the several subordinate Chapters, which have been attended with beneficial results, as their reports clearly show. Your committee observe, generally, by the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, that the Royal Arch Masonry is prosperous and flourishing; a much greater degree of interest is manifested in this great and good cause than has beeen witnessed on any former occasion.

Your committee observe that several of the Grand Chapters have had under consideration the subject, whether the Grand Chapter of Texas is, or is not, a legal body of Royal Arch Masons—while some have rejected them, others have made no decision upon the subject. Your committee are of the opinion that the course pursed by this Grand Chapter in relation to that subject, at its last convocation, was correct, and as no further evidence has been presented to them that they are legally and properly organized, they would recommend no action upon this subject at this time.

Your committee also observe that the question presented to this Grand Chapter at its last annual convocation, and continued to the present session, whether the Royal and Select Master's degrees be conferred by the Council, as has been the practice in this State, or in the Royal Arch Chapter, as is the practice in some of the States, has become a question of considerable importance in a number of the Grand Chapters. The Grand Chapter of Virginia is of the opinion that they should be conferred by the Royal Arch Chapter, and that Councils established for that purpose are irregular and unauthorized. But your committe have seen no evidence of that character, and, therefore, would be cautious in recommending a change of so much importance, of a long, successful, and well established usage, without good and sufficient reasons.

Your committee discover much that is interesting in these proceedings, but not of so much importance as to require action by this Grand Chapter. We would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Royal Arch Chapter reciprocate the courtesy of the several Grand Chapters in correspondence with us, and that our Grand Secretary be directed to forward to each of them a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation, and solicit a continuance of fraternal intercourse.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID CLARK,
FRED. CROSWELL, } Committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Companion Blackman presented a petition in behalf of the late Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, for the renewal and restoration of their charter. Whereupon, after discussion and explanation, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That the charter of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, be restored, and that Companion Lewis C. Segee, the last Scribe and highest surviving officer of said Chapter, be and hereby is authorized to call a meeting of the Royal Arch Masons residing in Bridgeport, for the purpose of organizing said Chapter and electing officers.

The committee appointed at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter to revise the By-Laws, submitted a report, which was read, considered in part, and laid on the table.

On motion of Companion Hyde, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. M. E. Grand H. Priest appointed Companions Ward and Miller a committee to receive and count the votes. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions were duly elected:

M. E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand High Priest,
E. William E. Sanford, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. George Giddings, Grand King,
E. Theodore Spencer, Grand Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, G. Secretary.

The Grand officers elect were then installed; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Companion Elisha Douglass, G. Marshal,
" Chauncey Burgess, G. Sentinel,
" Rev. T. P. Abell, G. Chaplain,
" R. Fitzgerald, } Grand Stewards,
" Allyn Goodwin, }
" Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler.

The Committee on Delinquent Chapters made the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted:

The undersigned Committee on Delinquent Chapters have ascertained by the Grand Secretary's files that no returns were received at the last convocation from the following Chapters, viz.: Solomon, No. 3, Derby; Washington, No. 6, Middletown; Fidelity, No. 10, Woodbury; Adoniram, No. 18, Tolland; Benevolence, No. 21, Stonington; Eureka, No. 22, Oxford; Eureka, No. 23, Danbury. Your committee are aware that some of these Chapters have forfeited their charters, by their long neglect to comply with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and that although much lenity and forbearance has heretofore been shown towards delin-

quents the time has now arrived when the provisions of our By-Laws and obligations ought to be respected and enforced. Your committee, therefore, recommend that those Chapters represented at the present convocation be allowed to show cause, if any they have, why the prescribed penalty should not be enforced, and that the charters of those Chapters who have not made returns for two or more years, and who do not give satisfactory reasons for their delinquency at this convocation, be revoked.

In relation to Washington Chapter, No. 6, located at Middletown, and Eureka Chapter, No. 23, at Danbury, we find that they are now represented, have elected their officers, and have a fair prospect of again doing business; and that their negligence heretofore was not from a want of respect intentionally manifested towards this Grand Chapter, but was owing to their peculiar circumstances. Your committee, therefore, see no good reason why they should not be reinstated into their former good standing, and if any penalty has been incurred, that the same should be remitted.

With regard to the late LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, located at Granby, your committee beg leave to say, that as they have had their charter revoked by this Grand Chapter, and have been required to deliever up their charter and effects, but have refused to comply with the order of the Grand Chapter, we therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolve l, That the last officers and all the members of the late LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, be summoned to appear before the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, to show cause, if any they have, why they should not be expelled from the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

W. B. Spring,
G. Shumway, } Committee.
S. Babcock,

Companion Abell introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the present prospects of Washington Chapter, No. 6, and Eureka Chapter, No. 23, the penalties to which they are liable be not enforced, and that they be allowed to resume their work.

A communication was read from Companion Joshua Guilford, in behalf of Eureka Chapter No. 22, Oxford, setting forth the difficulties and embarrassments of said Chapter, owing to its present location, and asking the Grand Chapter to authorize its removal to Waterbury. Whereupon, on motion of Companion D. Clark, it was

Resolved, That the location and effects of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, be removed from Oxford to Waterbury, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to give the Companions residing in Oxford notice of this vote.

Companion Hyde stated the peculiar situation of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, and gave satisfactory reasons for its delinquency in making returns; whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, be removed to Stonington Point, and that Companion William Hyde be and hereby is authorized to carry this resolution into effect.

No reasons being offered in behalf of the other delinquent Chapters, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the charters of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Fidelity Chapter, No. 10, and Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, be and the same hereby are revoked and annulled; and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to demand and take possession of the charters and effects of said Chapters, and hold the same subject to the order of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Unfinished Businesss reported as follows—report accepted and resolution adopted:

To the Grand R. A. Chapter, now in session:

The Committeee on Unfinished Business have had under consideration the subject of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, reported on by a committee of last year, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in the Royal Arch Chapter is a departure from the established landmarks of the order, and should in no instance be countenanced by this Grand Chapter.

T. C. Abell,
J. C. Blackman,
Elihu Geer, } Committee.

The report of the committee appointed to revise the By-Laws was then taken up and further discussed; when, after some amendments, the report was accepted, and the following articles adopted as the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter, and ordered to be published with the proceedings:

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

ARTICLE I.

The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America is adopted and approved by this Grand Chapter; and this Grand Chapter, its officers and members, and the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, and their officers and members, shall conform thereto, and the same shall be printed and distributed with the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, who shall severally be elected by ballot, at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter; and the Grand High Priest shall have power to appoint a Grand Sentinel, Grand Steward and Grand Tyler.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Officers and the three presiding officers of the respective Chapters in this State, shall be members of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

A convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be holden annually on the second Thursday following the first Wednesday of May, at Hartford and New Haven, alternately, and the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest may at any time order a special convocation, to be holden at such time and place as they shall think proper to appoint, giving the members at least ten days' notice.

ARTICLE V.

The Grand Chapter shall have power to constitute new Chapters, and grant charters, under the sign manual of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, which charter shall be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, who shall affix the seal of the Grand Chapter thereto; and the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest shall severally have power, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant dispensations for new Chapters:

Provided, that no charter or dispensation for the institution of a new Chapter, shall be granted, except on petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition must be accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is to be opened, recommending that such charter or dispensation be granted. And in all cases of such dispensation, the officers granting the same shall make report thereof at the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, when a charter may be granted and the dispensation returned.

Provided further, that no charter or dispensation shall be granted without the fees for the same being first paid.

ARTICLE VI.

The several Chapters in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters; and each Chapter that may be hereafter constituted by this Grand Chapter, shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Chapter, ninety dollars, and a fee of ten dollars to the Grand Secretary, before receiving their charter.

ARTICLE VII.

The Grand Chapter shall superintend the general police of the respective Chapters in this State, and shall order and direct the particular and uniform mode of exaltation, and shall hear and determine on all appeals of Companions regularly taken from the decisions of any Chapter, and shall affirm or reverse such decision, in whole or in part, as they shall deem meet and proper.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be incumbent on the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, severally to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and to make themselves masters of the several Masonic Lectures and Ancient Charges; whose right and duty it shall be, as often as opportunity presents, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in this State, and give such lectures and instructions as will tend to a proper and uniform mode of working; *always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the order.*

ARTICLE IX.

Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall demand and receive for each exaltation at least twenty dollars, viz.: four dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Royal Arch, and eight dollars for the Royal Arch, whereof shall be paid to the Grand Chapter one dollar for each exaltation.

ARTICLE X.

The several Chapters in this State shall be represented in each convocation of the Grand Chapter, by one or more of the three first presiding officers of the respective Chapters, or by their regular proxies, and shall make their returns to the Grand Chapter of the names of the three presiding officers of their respective Chapters, together with the number and names of all new exalted Companions, during the then preceding year, under a penalty for neglect to do so (at the discretion of the Grand Chapter), which penalty shall not exceed eight dollars.

ARTICLE XI.

No Chapter shall exalt or advance to any degree conferred by said Chapter any candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the approbation and consent of the Chapter within whose jurisdiction such candidate resides first had and obtained by vote of such Chapter.

ARTICLE XII.

No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall divide the funds, or any part thereof, belonging to such Chapter, among the

members thereof, without the consent and approbation of the Grand Chapter first had and obtained. Provided, that this By-Law shall not prohibit the voting any sum from the funds of subordinate Chapters to worthy Companions, their widows and orphans, in distress or indigent circumstances.

ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to receive all monies which shall from time to time become due to the Grand Chapter, make regular entries of the same, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt thereof; also to take charge of the archives and keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter; he shall also, at the close of each Grand Convocation, collect and arrange their proceedings, cause them to be printed and transmitted to the several Chapters in this State and elsewhere, as the Grand Chapter shall order, and for the performance of this service he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Chapter may direct.

ARTICLE XIV.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive from the Grand Secretary all monies due the Grand Chapter, and keep regular accounts of the same; and previous to the close of every yearly convocation, a committee shall be appointed to examine and settle his accounts, who shall report at the next annual convocation; and the Grand Treasurer shall pay from the monies by him received such bills as may be ordered by the Grand Chapter, or in the recess, by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

ARTICLE XV.

Should any casualty prevent the election of the officers of this Grand Chapter, or any of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, at any stated annual convocation, the several officers shall retain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified; and in case any vacancy shall happen in said offices, in a subordinate Chapter, the same may be filled at any regular convocation, in the same manner as at the annual election.

On motion of Companion Sanford, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have two hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution and By-Laws printed, for distribution to the members of the Grand Chapter and its subordinates, in addition to those published with the annual proceedings.

The Grand Secretary reported that since the last annual convocation he had received the charters, books, jewels, regalia, &c., of two of the an-

nulled subordinate Chapters, viz.. Hamilton, No. 8, Kent, and Meridian, No. 15, Canaan.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following standing committees, viz.:

On Foreign Correspondence—Companions David Clark, Richard Fitzgerald and A. C. Babcock.

To Audit the Accounts—Companions F. Crosswell, E. Gilbert, Jr., and David Clark.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1847.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Louis F. Morel, Francois Turner, Moses Dickinson, Elias B. Hullfish, Charles H. Skiff, Caleb Fenner, James S. Kirkwood, Henry S. Sanford.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Eli G. Fowler, Charles R. Corning, Joseph K. Brewer, Ichabod Ward, Jr., William L. Brewer, Giles M. Eaton.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—George W. Brown, William W. Kingsley, Lyman Lamb, Jeremiah Slate, Edward Frink.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Frederick D. Beeman, Edward C. Buel, George Seymour.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Samuel Woodruff, Abijah Woodruff, Bezaleel Sexton.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1848.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, May 11th, A. L. 5848, R. A. M. 2378.

PRESENT.

M. E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand High Priest,
E. William E. Sanford, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. George Giddings, Grand King,
E. Chauncey Burgess, Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Companion George Shumway, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
" Anson T. Colt, Grand Sentinel,
" Rev. T. B. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
" R. Fitzgerald, } Grand Stewards,
" Allyn Goodwin, }
" Isaac Tuttle, G. Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Alexander Hall.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Francois Turner. F. Crosswell. A. C. Babock.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—William H. Copp. Joseph S. Priest.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Horace Clark. T. P. Abell.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Horatio Webb.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Jabez Amesbury.

Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Not represented.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Samuel P. Bolles.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Benoni A. Shepherd. Horace Goodwin, 2d. James H. Ashmead.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Not represented.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—K. H. Van Rensselaer. William Hyde. Ephraim Williams.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—George Giddings. Isaac B. Castle. James M. Grannis.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Not represented.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the M. E. Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and due form. Printed copies of the proceedings of the last annual convocation were then distributed among the Companions present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Clark and Storer a Committee on Credentials.

Companion Sanford offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who may present themselves for that purpose, be admitted as visitors to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats as members of the Grand Chapter, at the present convocation:

Benoni A. Shepherd,	Nahum Flagg,
William E. Sanford,	Frederick Croswell,
George Giddings,	George Shumway,
Chauncey Burgess,	Alexander Hall,
T. P. Abell,	James Stevens,
Horace Goodwin, 2d,	William Hyde,
E. G. Storer,	K. H. Van Rensselaer,
William H. Jones,	William H. Copp,
William H. Holly,	Joseph S. Priest,
Ingoldsby W. Crawford,	Jabez Amesbury,

William H. Ellis,	Benjamin Beecher,
Cyrus Goodell,	James H. Ashmead,
David Clark,	Isaac B. Castle,
Anson T. Colt,	James M. Grannis,
Francois Turner,	Asa Budington,
A. C. Babcock,	Richard Fitzgerald,
William Storer,	Isaac Tuttle.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees, viz.:

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Ashmead, Van Rensselaer and Stevens.

On Unfinished Business—Companions Holly, Croswell and Copp.

On Grievances—Companions William Storer, Grannis and Fitzgerald.

Companion Holly presented the following petition, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Delinquent Chapters:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut, to be holden at New Haven, on Thursday, the 11th day of instant May:

The undersigned Royal Arch Masons, and members in good standing of the late Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford, respectfully petition your Most Excellent body to restore to them the charter of said Rittenhouse Chapter, which has a long time been forfeited by neglect of representation in the Grand Convocations of the order.

John W. Leeds,	Seth P. Quintard,
Smith Scott,	Morehous Adams,
Isaac Quintard, Jr.,	Sands Adams,

William H. Holly.

Dated at Stamford, the 2d day of May, 1848.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was approved and accepted:

The undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and find that all monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that all bills paid by the Grand Treasurer are duly authenticated and accompanied by proper vouchers. There is now in the hands of the Grand

Treasurer a balance of two dollars and one cent ($2.01) due the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Croswell,
E. Gilbert, Jr., } Committee.
David Clark.

New Haven, May 11, 1848.

Companion Hyde presented the following report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut:

The undersigned, appointed by your M. E. body, at its last annual convocation, to remove Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, from the head of Mystic to Stonington Borough, begs leave respectfully to report that in accordance with the resolution of your M. E. body, he proceeded, soon after the last annual session, to fulfill the duties with which he was entrusted, and removed said Benevolence Chapter to the Borough of Stonington, where they immediately elected officers and commenced work, as appears by the returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

William Hyde.

Stonington, May 8, 1848.

The Grand Secretary reported that agreeable to the resolutions of the last annual convocation, Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, at Bridgeport, had been revived and its charter restored; that Eureka Chapter, No. 22, had been removed from Oxford to Waterbury; and that both of said Chapters had resumed their labors, elected their officers, and were now in healthy and flourishing circumstances, having made regular returns and paid their dues at the present convocation.

Companion Wilson B. Spring, on motion and leave, made a verbal request for the restoration of the charter of the late Meridian Chapter, No. 15, and for the location of said Chapter at New Hartford; whereupon Companion Croswell submitted a resolution upon the subject, which was referred to the Committee on Delinquent Chapters.

On motion of Companion Hyde, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. M. E. Benoni A. Shepherd, Grand High Priest, declined a re-election, and appointed Companions Babcock, Holly and Turner a committee to receive and count the votes. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions duly elected:

M. E. Willam E. Sanford, Grand High Priest,
E. George Giddings, Deputy Grand High Priest,

E. Theodore Spencer, Grand King,
E. Chauncey Burgess, Grand Scribe,
E. Benjamin Beecher, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Rev. T. P. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed into their respective offices by Past Grand High Priest Horace Goodwin, 2d; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Companion George Shumway, Grand Sentinel,
" James H. Ashmead, } Grand Stewards,
" Charles H. Olmsted, }
" Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

The standing committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

To the M. E. G. R. A. Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned, appointed at the last convocation a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, respectfully report that they have examined the documents furnished to them by the Grand Secretary, among which they find the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the following States, viz.: Maine, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Michigan; also of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and of Burlington Chapter, Vermont (recently revived). These proceedings are full of interest, and show conclusively that Royal Arch Masonry throughout the whole extent of our country is in a very flourishing and healthy condition. New Chapters are being created, dormant Chapters are reviving and brushing up their implements, annulled Chapters are asking for a renewal of their charters, and the work of "re-building" the waste places and "making darkness light and crooked things straight," appears to have engaged the attention and enlisted the energies of our Companions in every direction. Michigan has sent us her first annual greeting in the Royal Arch degree, and we would reciprocate the token, and welcome her into the circle of Grand Chapters, who are indissolubly bound together by the "mystic tie" of companionship—a "cord not easily broken." Your committee, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, most highly appreciate the courtesy of the several Grand Chapters and other bodies who have favored us with such valuable and encouraging information as to the condition and standing of this ancient and honorable order. We would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will cheerfully reciprocate the kind-

ness and courtesy of those Companions who correspond with us, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward to each a copy of these proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID CLARK,
R. FITZGERALD, } Committee.
A. C. BABCOCK,

New Haven, May 11, 1848.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The Committeee on Delinquent Chapters made the following report, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted:

To the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned Committee on Delinquent Chapters, to whom was referred the petition of members of the late Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford, praying for the restoration of the charter of said Chapter, have considered the same, and would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and said charter restored upon the payment of Ten Dollars to the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The committee have also examined the case of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, so far as regards the verbal communication of Companion Spring, and would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to restore the charter of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, whenever a proper written application shall have been received, accompanied by the sum of Ten Dollars; and that said Chapter may be located at New Hartford, or elsewhere, as the Grand Officers shall deem expedient.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. ASHMEAD,
K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, } Committee.
JAMES STEVENS,

New Haven, May 11, 1848.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that the resolution of last year, requiring the Companions of LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, Granby, to show cause for their refusal to comply with the order of the Grand Chapter, remained to be acted upon at this convocation.

Report accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the officers and members of the late LaFayette Chapter,

No. 20, be and hereby are suspended during the pleasure of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had been brought before them.

Report accepted and comm'ttee discharged.

Companion Shumway submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to M. E. Companion Benoni A. Shepherd for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest during the two years of his continuance in that office.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions A. C. Babcock, Henry Perkins and William Storer Committee on Correspondence for the coming year, and Companions F. Croswell and E. Gilbert, Jr., Auditors.

No further business appearing, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

E. G. Storer, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter May, A. D. 1848.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Philip Schenour.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—Calvin G. Rawson, James H. Hyde, Isaac H. Vancott, John A. Lathrop, Horatio N. Ward, Roswell W. Roath, Joseph S. Priest, Aaron C. Southwick.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Elliott Bradley.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Christopher B. Chapel, William P. Smith, Frederick M. Walker.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Eli Thompson, William Hepburn, Elias Hodge, Hugh Young, David L. Mills.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—Gideon H. Hollister, Amos H. Farnsworth.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington--George E. Palmer, Calvin G. Williams, Rev. Junius M. Willey.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury—Edward B. Cook, James M. Grannis, Gabrel Post, Isaac B. Castle, William Dunbar, Joseph P. Jeffrey, Edward B. Gilbert, Preserve G. Porter, Henry Chatfield.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—John G. Kœrner, Gerhard Black.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1849.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 10th, A. L. 5849, R. A. M. 2379.

PRESENT.

M. E. William E. Sanford, Grand High Priest,
E. George Giddings, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. Theodore Spencer, Grand King,
E. I. W. Crawford, Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*,
E. H. Goodwin, 2d, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Rev. T. P. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Marshal,
" George Shumway, Grand Sentinel,
" James H. Ashmead, Grand Steward,
" Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Hiram Chapter, Newtown,	No. 1—Not represented.
Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—F. Turner. Benjamin Beecher, Jr. A. C. Babcock.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No 4—William H. Copp.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—T. P. Abell. Samuel Babcock.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—William P. Smith.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebbard. Elisha Tracy.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—William H. Holly.

Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—William Field.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Eli Thompson. T. Hutchins. William Lum.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Phineas Taylor.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Benoni A. Shepherd. Seymour Waters. Theodore Spencer.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Hiram K. Scott.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—George Giddings. James M. Grannis. Gabrel Post.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Stephen A. Hurlbut.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—George F. Daskam.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the M. E. Grand High Priest took the chair, and the Grand Chapter was opened in ancient and due form; when the G. H. P. delivered a neat and pertinent extempore address, briefly noticing such occurrences as had come under his observation during the year past, interesting to the members of the order in this jurisdiction, and making some appropriate suggestions with regard to the business of the present convocation.

Printed copies of the proceedings of the last annual convocation of the Grand Chapter were then distributed among the Companions present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions William Storer and J. M. Grannis a Committee on Credentials.

Companion Storer offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, who may present themselves for that purpose, be admitted as visitors to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following members of the Grand Chapter were present, and entitled to seats as voters at this convocation:

Benoni A Shepherd,	Theodore Spencer,
Ingoldsby W. Crawford,	James Ward,
Horace Goodwin, 2d,	William H. Holly,

William E. Sanford,
George Giddings,
T. P. Abell,
E. G. Storer,
Cyrus Goodell,
David Clark,
Francois Turner,
A. C. Babock,
William Storer,
Richard Fitzgerald,
Benjamin Beecher, Jr.,
James H. Ashmead,
James M. Grannis,
William H. Copp,
William Hyde,
Nahum Flagg,
Merrils Ward,
Allyn Goodwin,
Elizur Skinner,
Samuel Babcock,
George Shumway,
William P. Smith,
Gurdon Hebbard,
Elisha Tracy,
William Field,
Thomas Hutchins,
William Lum,
Eli Thompson,
Seymour Watrous,
Hiram K. Scott,
Gabrel Post,
Stephen A. Hurlbut,
George F. Daskam,
Wilson B. Spring.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed the following committees, viz.:

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Ashmead, Spring and Scott.
On Unfinished Business—Companions Holly, Hebbard and Copp.
On Grievances—Companions Smith, Hurlbut and Clark.

The Auditing Committee presented their report, as follows:

The undersigned, appointed a committeee to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter, have attended to that duty, and find that all monies received by the Grand Secretary have been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that all bills paid by the Grand Treasurer are duly authenticated and accompanied by proper vouchers. There is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of six dollars and forty-nine cents ($6.49) due the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Croswell, } Committee.
E. Gilbert, Jr., }

New Haven, May 10, 1849.

On motion of Companion Babcock, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

On motion of Companion Hyde, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Com-

panions Crawford and Hyde to receive and count the votes. Ballots were then taken, and the following Companions duly elected:

M. E. William E. Sanford, Grand High Priest,
E. George Giddings, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. Theodore Spencer, Grand King,
E. Chauncey Burgess, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Rev. T. P. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
Companion Cyrus Goodell, Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed into their respective offices by Past Grand High Priest Ingoldsby W. Crawford; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Companion George Shumway, Grand Sentinel,
" Francois Turner, } Grand Stewards,
" Benj. Beecher, Jr., }
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary reported such Chapters as were not represented and made no returns at the last convocation.

Referred to the Committee on Delinquent Chapters.

Companion Spring presented the following petition, which was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut:

The undersigned respectfully represent, that we were exalted in the late LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, at Granby, and continued our membership in the same until, by a resolution of the Grand Chapter, which has recently come to our notice, said Chapter was annulled and all its officers and members suspended during the pleasure of the Grand Chapter; by which, we learn, we were debarred the privileges which belong to Royal Arch Masons, without good and sufficient reasons. Not having taken any part, by action, advice, or even knowledge of the acts complained of by the Grand Chapter against said LaFayette Chapter, we feel that injustice has been done us by the action of the Grand Chapter in 1848, by which we were suspendend in common with the other members of said Chapter; and as the resolution of the Grand Chapter of 1847, notifying the members of said LaFayette Chapter to appear at the next annual convocation and answer to the charges alleged against said Chapter, never came to our knowledge, we feel conscious that we have done no wrong, whereby the suspension should extend to us. We therefore respectfully ask the Grand

Chapter to restore to us our former good standing as Royal Arch Masons, and allow us to become members of Meridian Chapter, No. 15.

LORA ALFORD,
SANFORD ALLEN.

Hitchcocksville, April 30, 1849.

The following petition, with the accompanying vote of Warren Chapter, No. 12, was presented by Companion Field:

WARREN CHAPTER, No. 12,
Pomfret, April 17, 1849.

Voted, That this Chapter apply to the Grand Chapter of this State, at its annual convocation to be holden at Hartford in May next, for the privilege of extending the limits of holding their meetings either in Killingly or Thompson, in addition to holding them at Pomfret or Woodstock, to which they are now restricted by their charter.

The foregoing is a true copy from the record,

Attest, MOWRY AMSBURY, Secretary.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut, &c.:

The petition of the subscribers, members of Warren Chapter, No. 12, respectfully showeth, that in consequence of the railroad passing through the towns of Killingly and Thompson, the population in those places has greatly increased, and also the facilities of meeting on the line of said road. They would further show that a large number of Companions, who usually attend the meetings of said Chapter, would be far better accommodated if the charter of said Chapter was so amended that they could hold their meetings either in the towns of said Killingly or Thompson, or somewhere on the line of said railroad. They would further represent that owing to the facts above stated, they verily believe, should the prayer of this petition be granted, their regular convocations would be much better attended and their prospect of business far greater. They therefore pray the Grand Chapter to take their case into consideration, and on finding the facts above stated to be true, grant us the privilege of holding the future meetings of said Warren Chapter either in the towns of Killingly or Thompson, as well as in the towns of Pomfret and Woodstock, as their charter now provides; or in some other way grant your petitioners suitable relief.

URIEL FULLER,
SAMUEL FENNER,
MOWRY AMSBURY,
JABEZ AMSBURY,
SAMUEL UNDERWOOD.
JOHN WILLIAMS,
HARRIS ARNOLD,
JAMES S. ARNOLD.

Dated at Pomfret, the 25th day of April, 1849.

The above petition having been read, and the facts therein set forth duly

substantiated by several Companions, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the petition of the Companions of Warren Chapter, No. 12, be granted, and that they be and hereby are authorized and empowered to hold their future convocations in either or any of the following towns, viz.: Killingly, Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret, agreeable to the prayer of said petition.

Companion I. W. Crawford reported verbally that he had been authorized by the Grand Secretary to receive the charter and effects of the late Adoniram Chapter, No. 18, at Tolland, and had called upon the last officers of said Chapter for that purpose, and that they had agreed to box up said effects and forward the same to the Grand Chapter at the present convocation.

Companion H. Goodwin, 2d, then stated that a box from Tolland, directed to his care, had come to hand, accompanied with a bill of five dollars for transportation, and that said box had not been opened nor the bill paid. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Secretary be authorized to examine the box from Tolland, and if found to contain all the effects of the late Adoniram Chapter which of right belong to the Grand Chapter, the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the bill for transportation.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution appended to the same adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter, &c.:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Lora Alford and Sanford Allen would respectfully report that upon the representation of Companion W. B. Spring they have ascertained that these two Companions were among the last exalted in LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, and were entirely ignorant of any act disqualifying them for full fellowship with Royal Arch Masons. Your committee therefore cheerfully recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

WILLIAM P. SMITH,
DAVID CLARK,
S. A. HURLBUT, } Committee.

Resolved, That Companions Lora Alford and Sanford Allen, of the late LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, be and hereby are restored to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons, and that they are, at their own request, hereby attached to Meridian Chapter, No. 15,

The Grand Secretary reported that the conditions of the resolution adopted at the last annual convocation, providing for the resuscitation of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, had been complied with, and that the charter and effects of said Chapter had been placed in the possession of Companion W. B. Spring, to be restored whenever the members were ready to organize and commence operations.

The Grand Secretary then submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the future location of Meridian Chapter, No. 15, be and hereby is established at New Hartford.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that they could find nothing requiring their action.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The Committee on Delinquent Chapters made the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation and resolution adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter, &c.:

Your committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's statement on delinquent Chapters, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and find that Union Chapter, No. 7, of New London, Jerusalem, No. 13, Bridgeport, Jerusalem, No. 19, Ridgefield, and Eureka, No. 23, Danbury, were not represented at the last annual convocation, and have thereby each incurred a penalty of eight dollars, according to Article 10th of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter. Your committee would recommend Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, of Bridgeport, to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter, to commute the penalty, as their returns were regularly made, and a proxy appointed, through whose neglect they were not represented. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. Ashmead,
W. B. Spring,
H. K. Scott, } Committee.

Resolved, That Union Chapter, No. 7, Jerusalem, No. 19, and Eureka, No. 23, be notified by the Grand Secretary that they have incurred a penalty of eight dollars each, which they are required to pay to this Grand Chapter, unless they appear and show good reason for their neglect in not being represented at our annual communication at New Haven, in May, 1848.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that during the past year they have received the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters in the following States: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Indiana.

From the proceedings we learn that harmony prevails throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that at no previous period has the Masonic institution, from the lowest to the highest degree, enjoyed greater prosperity than at present. From Maine to Texas, and through all the intermediate States, the right hand of fellowship is extended and fraternal intercourse is enjoyed. Everywhere the clouds of ignorance and bigotry are scattering before that pure Masonic light which sheds a happy and hallowing influence over the institution and its members.

Here and there differences of opinion have arisen among the different Grand Chapters, such as must necessarily exist in every institution not perfect in itself, and spreading over so great an extent of territory. But in looking over the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters, your committee have not discovered any subject of misunderstanding which is at all calculated to destroy or mar the harmony of the institution; on the contrary, they are happy to say that the tendency of discussion arising between different jurisdictions has resulted beneficially to all parties, bringing them nearer together, and making them better acquainted with each other.

And here permit us to say, that the publication of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, which is of recent date, *has been productive of great benefits.* In the first place, the opportunity which it gives to the several Grand Chapters to interchange courtesies and fraternal intercourse with each other has strengthened bonds of brotherly union; but the benefit is slight in comparison with the knowledge which the publication of these proceedings is extending among brethren of the same household, and to the world, of the object and design of the institution.

No Masonic brother can read over these little books without feeling his heart grow warm within him, that the institution to which he belongs is extending itself over our wide country, and carrying with it blessings which he understands, and knows how to appreciate. And these records also vindicate to the world the institution against the foul calumnies which have been wickedly heaped upon it during the past few years.

By a slight examination of the reports from a few of the Grand Chapters, we shall soon discover the progress of the institution throughout the United States.

MAINE.

Intelligence comes to us from this eastern extremity of our country of a cheering character. Here the institution ranks high, and deservedly so, for among its members we find many of her most distinguished sons. If the light, which springs from the eastern horizon, shall penetrate to the setting sun, undimmed in its effusions, the day will soon come when Masonry shall hold its deserved place throughout the land, where the carpings of ignorance and bigotry cannot reach it.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State are in the highest degree interesting, and show that the order is in a flourishing condition.

Four Chapters were represented, and harmony characterized its proceedings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have a good account of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. It was convened at Concord, on the 14th day of June, 1848. For the purpose of instruction and systematizing their work, this Grand Chapter appointed a competent and thorough Lecturer to visit every part of the State, and give instructions to each Chapter under its jurisdiction. This appointment recommends itself to the good sense of every one, and we rejoice to learn that the example has been followed in several other States. A uniform system of work should be established throughout the United States, as its tendency must inevitably be to promote that harmony so essentially necessary for the preservation of all societies. Nothing could be more productive of confusion than that each Chapter should have a system of work peculiar to itself, different from every other under the same jurisdiction.

Four Chapters were fully represented in this Grand Chapter, and twenty-two exaltations reported, which looks well for the prosperity of the institution, flourishing, as it were, under the very droppings of the miasma which came from beyond the Green mountains.

VERMONT.

In this State the Grand Chapter has been dormant for many years, but we rejoice to learn that the indications now are that in this hot bed of anti-masonry the Arch will soon be reconstructed in its uniform beauty and strength.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Chapter is doing well in this State. They hold Quarterly Communications, which are well attended and exhibit a great degree of prosperity.

NEW YORK.

Little need be said of the doings of this Grand Chapter. Their published proceedings show that they are busy at work, and that harmony

prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction. In the lower degrees much confusion has of late existed by the analogystical portion of two bodies, both calling themselves regular. We hope the difficulty arising from that source will soon be settled to the entire satisfaction of all parties. We rejoice to learn that these difficulties have not extended into the Chapter.

MARYLAND.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter exhibit a good degree of prosperity for the institution in this State. They assembled in Baltimore, November 13th, 1848, and continued in session two days. Their deliberations were characterized by that harmony and ability which might be expected from an assembly composed of the most eminent among men and Masons.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter assembled in the city of Richmond, Dec. 14th, 1848, and continued in session two days. By the report of their proceedings, we learn that the institution is in a high degree of prosperity in this ancient commonwealth. There are thirty-five Chapters in the State, twenty-six of which are in full working order. The remaining nine, though long dormant, we are happy to say are beginning to exhibit signs of returning animation.

We notice, in an able report on the subject of the Royal and Select degrees, before the Grand Chapter of Virginia, that allusion is made, in the most courteous and respectful terms, to a resolution adopted by our own body in 1847, wherein it is established as the judgment of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut that those degrees should not be conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter. Our Virginia Companions say: "We beg to ask a reconsideration of this subject by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, and to recall their attention to the report on this question, in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, at its annual convocation in December, 1845, and also to a circular of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, of May, 1827, as to when and where the error began, and how; and also to the opinion of the General Grand Chapter of the United States on the same subject." To this request of our esteemed Companions of Virginia, the committee have no doubt the Grand Chapter will be inclined to yield the most respectful deference; and as nothing could be accomplished by this body with regard to the Royal and Select degrees, without the co operation of the Grand Council of Select Masters—that body having the sole jurisdiction of the subordinate Councils in this State, and whose members, having received these degrees in such Councils, are under solemn and binding obligations to maintain its Constitution and By-Laws—we recommend that the attention of the Grand Council be directed to the subject, by laying before that body the several documents alluded to in the report of the committee of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, with such

other means of information on the subject as may be in the possession of this Grand Chapter.

Our limits will not allow to notice particularly the reports of the several Grand Chapters in the States of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Missi-sippi and Texas, in each of which the institution is in a flourishing condition, and also in the several Western States, where Masonry is comparatively, as yet, in its infancy. By the published reports from these different States, we are gratified to learn that the institution, though young in years, is firmly established by the zeal and industry of its members. Our Eastern brethren will soon find that they must work early and late, and strive diligently, or they will be far behind in prosperity, and in the promotion and extension of those good works which are the glory of the Masonic institution.

But we must not forget to notice, in this brief summary of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, the proceedings also of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We have perused the report with great pleasure and satisfaction. Its members coming from every portion of the United States, and interchanging with each other those friendly feelings which should ever exist between brethren, must have been in the highest degree interesting to every lover of that harmony which ought ever to exist in the Masonic fraternity. Originally we had many fears that the influence of such a body would be productive of mischief, and subversive of the independence of the Grand Chapters in the different States. But the proceedings of this body at its last triennial session, and also of its various sessions, have satisfied us that its tendency is not such as we anticipated, but, on the other hand, the result has been much to the benefit of the institution We have seen no design on the part of the General Grand Chapter to usurp rights which do not belong to it, nor to dictate upon matters which appropriately belong to the several Grand Chapters. There are questions and difficulties which will frequently arise between different Grand Chapters, upon matters of jurisdiction, which cannot be settled between the conflicting parties; these appropriately belong to the General Grand Chapter. The duty of settling difficulties of this character has frequently devolved upon the General Grand Chapter. At times questions of this character have arisen which threatened to disturb the peace and harmony of the institution, and to sever the bonds of fraternal intercourse, but these unhappy differences have been settled to the satisfaction of all parties, when a reconciliation seemed impossible, by the timely mediation of the General Grand Chapter. We hope no foolish jealousy will arise to cripple its energies or impair its usefulness.

At its last triennial session, which was held in the city of Columbus, State of Ohio, on the 14th day of September, 1847, representatives were in attendance from eighteen Grand Chapters, viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Maryland,

Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana.

Its session continued five days, and a vast amount of business, indicating the prosperity of the institution, was accomplished.

Its next triennial meeting will be held at Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, on the 2d Tuesday of September, A. D., 1850. At which time and place we shall hope to witness an assembly representing every Grand Chapter in the United States, which shall do honor to the Masonic institution.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend that a copy of the report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be forwarded to each of the Grand Chapters in the United States, and also to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY PERKINS,
A. C. BABCOCK, } Committee.
WILLIAM STORER,

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions T. P. Abell, David Clark and George Shumway, Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the coming year, and Companions F. Caswell and E. Gilbert, Jr., Auditors.

No further business appearing, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

E. G. STORER, G. Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1849.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Nowich—Luther Pellet, William Henry.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Edward Clark.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford—John T. Prall, Henry W. Hudson.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Joseph Crosby, Samuel F. Hurd, Robert H. Smith, Samuel Hodges, Charles B. Nichols, William B. Oakley, John D. Budan, Franklin Collins, William M. Ayres, Alexander Hamilton.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Robert L. Brainard, Henry B. Chapman, A. S. Cowles.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield—James Scott, 2d, Reuben French, Russell Jones, Hiram K. Scott, Francis Meeker, James E. Jones.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Joel L. Prouty, Thomas E. Swan, Thomas F. Slack, Russell A. Denison, Robert C. Chesebrough.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1850.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at the Masonic Hall in the Temple, in the city of New Haven, on Thursday, May 9th, A. L. 5850, R. A. M. 2380.

PRESENT.

M. E. WILLIAM E. SANFORD, Grand High Priest,
E. GEORGE GIDDINGS, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. THEODORE SPENCER, Grand King,
E. CHAUNCEY BURGESS, Grand Scribe,
E. HORACE GOODWIN, 2d, Grand Treasurer,
E. ELIPHALET G. STORER, Grand Secretary,
Rev. TOWNSEND P. ABELL, Grand Chaplain,
Companion CYRUS GOODELL, Grand Marshal,
" GEORGE SHUMWAY, Grand Sentinel,
" F. TURNER, } Grand Stewards,
" B. BEECHER, Jr., }
" ISAAC TUTTLE, G. Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Hiram Chapter, Newtown, — No. 1—Not represented.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven, — No. 2—F. Croswell. A. C. Babcock. F. Turner.

Franklin Chapter, Norwich, — No. 4—Chauncey Burgess. R. W. Roath.

Washington Chapter, Middletown, — No. 6—T. P. Abell. N. A. Phelps. J. Kilbourn, Jr.

Union Chapter, New London, — No. 7—Perry Douglass. W. W. Kingsley. R. H. Smith.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebbard.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Smith Scott. W. H. Holly.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—William Field.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Charles Foote. J. C. Blackman. Eli Thompson.
Meridian Chapter, New Hartford,	No. 15—H. Chapin. W. B. Spring.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Frederick D. Beeman.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Allyn Goodwin. David Clark.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Hiram K. Scott.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—James M. Granniss.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—N. H. Wildman.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—John A. McLean.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Ingoldsby W. Crawford, William H. Jones, William H. Ellis, Nahum Flagg, Samuel Green, Anson T. Colt.

At 11 o'clock A. M., a quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer.

The Grand High Priest made a verbal communication to the Grand Chapter, briefly noticing the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and several subjects demanding attention at this convocation.

On motion of Companion D. Clark, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, who may request it, be allowed to visit this Grand Chapter during its present convocation.

The following committees were announced by the M. E. Grand High Priest:

On Credentials and Returns—Companions E. G. Storer, Kilbourn and Holly.

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Spring, H. Goodwin, 2d, and Blackman.

On Grievances—Companions W. Storer, Crawford and Granniss.

On Unfinished Business—Companions Clark, McLean and Smith.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, May 9.

At 2 P. M. the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported that the following Companions were entitled to seats as voters in this Grand Chapter:

T. P. Abell,
A. C. Babcock,
Marcus Bassett,
Benjamin Beecher, Jr.,
F. D. Beeman,
J. C. Blackman,
Chauncey Burgess,
Hermon Chapin,
David Clark,
I. W. Crawford,
Fred. Croswell,
G. F. Daskam,
Perry Douglass,
William H. Ellis,
William Field,
Nahum Flagg,
Charles Foote,
George Giddings,
Cyrus Goodell,
Horace Goodwin, 2d,
J. M. Granniss,
Samuel Green,
William H. Holly,
William Hyde,
William H. Jones,
Jonathan Kilbourn, Jr.,
W. W. Kingsley,
J. A. McLean,
Noah A. Phelps,
R. W. Roath,
William E. Sanford,
Hiram K. Scott,
Smith Scott,
B. A. Shepherd,
George Shumway,
R. H. Smith,
Theodore Spencer,
E. G. Storer,
William Storer,
Eli Thompson,
Francois Turner,
Isaac Tuttle.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The Grand Treasurer reported that he had received from Companion B. Beecher, late Grand Treasurer, all the funds in his hands belonging to the Grand Chapter, and that the accounts were ready for examination by the Auditing Committee.

The G. H. Priest appointed Companions Croswell, Foote and Hyde Auditing Committee.

The Grand Secretary reported that in obedience to a resolution passed at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, he had notified Union

Chapter, No. 7, Jerusalem, No. 19, and Eureka, No. 23, of the penalty which they had severally incurred by neglecting to be represented, and that the said Chapters were represented at the present convocation, and ready to show cause for their delinquency.

Referred to the Committee on Delinquent Chapters.

Companion Abell, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter:

The undersigned, having been appointed at the last convocation of this body, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report that they have received from the hands of the Grand Secretary copies of the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, viz.: New York, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee and Ohio; in addition to which, the committee are happy to state, that they have also received a copy of the doings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Vermont, at its re-organization in July, 1849, by which they learn that this branch of our beloved order has been finally, and we hope permanently, revived in that formerly very anti-masonic State.

From the communications received, the committee are gratified to perceive that the various Grand Chapters are, in the main, in a prosperous and encouraging condition; and we hope for great usefulness through their beneficent instrumentality.

The subjects generally presented in the several reports are those of a limited interest; there is one, however, from the manner in which it has been referred to, bears a more important character, and may perhaps justly claim a passing notice from this committee. The proper location and jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Master has been considerably discussed by several Grand Chapters; and an effort has been made to wrest these degrees from the jurisdiction of the Grand Councils, the property which constitutes their very being, and giving them to the control and disposal of the Grand Chapters. The committee, after considering what has been said in relation to this subject, and under a sense of justice and right, reiterate the former decision of this Grand Chapter, affirming the incompetency of a Chapter to exercise any right or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master. The committee further deem it somewhat pertinent to say that they are unable to discover how, as members of the Chapter, we can in any way intermeddle with degrees which, according to our obligations, are placed beyond our knowledge as Royal Arch Masons.

The committee have also received a copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and have only to suggest in relation to it, that the fees ($90) charged for instituting a new Royal Arch Chapter appear inordinately high, and recommend

that our representatives to the next session of that body be instructed to use their influence to procure such an amendment of the Constitution as shall reduce the charter fees to more just and equitable proportions.

The committee recommend that a continuance of fraternal interchange and correspondence with the various Grand Chapters of the Union be affectionately solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

T. P. ABELL,
DAVID CLARK,
GEO. SHUMWAY, } Committee.

New Haven, May 9, 1850.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be approved and accepted.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Chapter for the past year, have attended to their duty, and find the same to be correct. There is a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of twenty dollars and seven cents.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CROSWELL,
CHARLES FOOTE,
WILLIAM HYDE, } Committee.

New Haven, May 9, 1850.

The Committee on Delinquent Chapters made the following report, which was accepted:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary relating to delinquents, have had before them the statements made by the Companions at present representing Union Chapter, No. 7. and Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, together with a letter from the High Priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 23. From these sources your Committee are satisfied that the neglect to be represented was not the fault of the Chapters, but through the inattention or other urgent business of the Companions appointed to represent said Chapters. We therefore recommend that the penalties be remitted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SPRING,
J. C. BLACKMAN,
H. GOODWIN, 2d. } Committee.

New Haven, May 9, 1850.

The petition of Edwin Sturgess, praying to be restored to the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, was presented and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companions Ellis, Crawford and Clark were appointed tellers. M. E. Companion Sanford declined being a candidate for re-election as Grand High Priest. Ballots being taken, the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz.:

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
E. Theodore Spencer, Deputy G. H. Priest,
E. Chauncey Burgess, Grand King,
E. Cyrus Goodell, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, 2d, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Rev. Townsend P. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
Companion Hiram K. Scott, Grand Marshal.

The newly elected Grand Officers were then installed by P. G. H. P. Sanford; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Companion William W. Kingsley, Grand Sentinel,
" William P. Donaldson, } Grand Stewards,
" Samuel Tripp, }
" Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

The Committee on Grievances presented the following report, which was accepted and the resolution adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edwin Sturgess, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, beg leave to report that Companion Sturgess was a member of LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, at Granby, at the time that Chapter was suspended for non-compliance with an edict of the Grand Chapter; but it is claimed, and your committee believe, that he was out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter at the time, and had no knowledge of the delinquency of LaFayette Chapter, and of course was not censurable for any of her acts. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Companion Edwin Sturgess, late a member of LaFayette Chapter, No. 20, be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

William Storer, }
I. W. Crawford, } Committee.
J. M. Granniss, }

New Haven, May 9, 1850.

Companion Burgess offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to M. E. William E. Sanford, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest for the last two years.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The committee to whom the unfinished business of the last convocation was referred, would respectfully report that they find nothing upon the minutes to be brought before the Grand Chapter at this time; and they would therefore ask to be discharged.

D. Clark,
R. H. Smith,
J. A. McLean, } Committee.

New Haven, May 9, 1850.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments, viz.:

Companions T. P. Abell, David Clark and George Shumway, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companions Benoni A. Shepherd and Mason Gross, Auditing Committee.

No further business being offered, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

Attest, E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1850.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—William W. Clark, Hosea N. Newton, Hance Lawson, Robert Edmondson, Nelson L. Beach, Sherman Barnes, Wm. N. Gessner, Wm. H. Wedmore, Levi Rowe, Jr.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—J. Henry Peck, George Reynolds, John H. Gale, Archibald Kennedy, Daniel M. Prentice, Jacob L. Myers.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—R. H. Smith, R. J. Kimball, Francis Barry.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Pomfret—Calvin Day, Ezekiel Webster.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Wm. F. Kippen, Isaac H. Carlton, Daniel F. Hoadley, Henry Hall, Geo. D. Treat, Benjamin Lobdell, Geo. Wheeler, Edward Hamilton, Charles Fox, E. F. Bishop, George W. Raymond, Cryus H. Botsford, Richard McGager, John Preston.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Mason Gross, Wm. P. Donaldson, H. H. Bartlett, H. A. Chapin, DeWitt C. Freeman, Jesse D. Alden, Stephen Babcock, Radcliff Hudson.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 19, Ridgefield—Hurlbut H. Woodruff, Levi Bronson, George Sears, Hiram Pulling, Jacob L. Douchy.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Jesse Beebe, D. W. Thompson.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—Joseph Bowers.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1851.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 15, A. D. 1851, R. A. M. 2381.

PRESENT.

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
E. I. W. Crawford, Grand King, *pro tem.*,
E. Cyrus Goodell, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
E. T. P. Abell, Grand Chaplain,
E. David Clark, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*,
E. J. C. Blackman, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*,
E. William P. Donaldson, } Grand Stewards,
E. Samuel Tripp, }
E. Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers.—William H. Ellis, B. A. Shepherd, William E. Sanford, A. T. Colt, C. H. Olmsted, R. Fitzgerald, S. Green, William H. Holly.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions E. G. Storer and William H. Holly, a Committee on Credentials and Returns; who subsequently reported that in addition to the Grand and Past Grand Officers present, the following Companions were entitled to seats as representatives from the subordinate Chapters:

Franklin Chapter, New Haven, No. 2—F. Turner.
Charles Brown.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich, No 4—William L. Brewer.

Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—T. P. Abell. J. Kilbourn, Jr.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Samuel Barry. G. W. Goddard.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Gurdon Hebbard. E. Tracy.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—John W. Leeds. I. Quintard, Jr.
Warren Chapter, Pomfret,	No. 12—Charles L. Fisk. Isaac H. Coe.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—John C. Blackman. A. Hamilton. John H. St. John.
Meridian Chapter, New Hartford,	No. 15—Hermon Chapin.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—George Giddings. Cyrus Goodell. Allyn Goodwin.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Levi Bronson.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde. J. M. Willey. George E. Palmer.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—J. M. Grannis. H. Chatfield. George O. Hotchkiss.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Stephen A. Hurlbut.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens. Edwin Hoyt. John A. M'Lean.
Giddings Chapter (*U. D.*), New Britain,	No. 25—Henry A. Hull. Loyal Dudley. W. G. Coe.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Grand High Priest:

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions Crawford, Willey and Stevens.
On Grievances—Companions Fisk, Holly and Grannis.
On Unfinished Business—Companions Ellis, Goddard and Hyde.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered to the Grand Chapter the following address:

Companions: Another year is added to the past, and at the commencement of another new Masonic year, permit me to congratulate you upon the great and increasing prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the length and breadth of our country.

The occasion is one of congratulation among ourselves for the continued prosperity and brightening prospects of Royal Arch Masonry within our own borders. I am gratified in being able to state from the proceedings of the Grand Chapters with whom we hold correspondence, that a lively interest and an increasing prosperity is manifested in their several jurisdictions, a more particular account of which will be laid before you by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In some sections of our country, where it seemed that the blight of Anti-Masonry had entirely extinguished the energies and blasted the hopes of the Companions, yet the beautiful tree of Masonry is again budding forth, and gives cheering promise of an abundant harvest of fruit.

Companions, we are again permitted to assemble in obedience to our Constitutional requirements, as the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

A painful duty devolves on me of announcing to this Grand Chapter the death of our estimable Companion, CHAUNCEY BURGESS, who has been long known to us as a worthy and highly esteemed brother. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and held various and important offices in our institution; among them was Grand King of this Grand Chapter at the time of his death. He understood and justly appreciated the principles and usages of our institution, and was, in its day of adversity, its firm friend and able defender. He was constant in his attendance as an officer of this Grand Chapter, and was ever ready to discharge every duty required of him. His loss will long be felt by this Grand Chapter as one of its warmest supporters and friends.

Companions, as we are now in this Masonic Temple about to enter upon the important duties which we have assembled here to perform, let us be divested of every selfish consideration, of every feeling not in harmony with the principles we profess—of every prejudice and impulse calculated to mar our deliberations or dishonor our noble, our beloved institution; but permit me to indulge the hope that our deliberations will be marked by that courtesy, fraternal regard and charity that should ever characterize the intercourse of all upright and intelligent Masons.

Since our last annual convocation I have, on application in proper form, granted a dispensation for a Chapter at New Britain, by the name of Giddings Chapter, Henry A. Hull, H P., Loyal Dudley, King, and Wm. G. Coe, Scribe. It has been my privilege during the past year to visit and preside in the following Chapters, viz.: Pythagoras at Hartford, Franklin at New Haven, Union at New London, Franklin at Norwich,

Jerusalem at Brigeport, Eureka at Waterbury, Warren at Pomfret, and the Chapter working under dispensation at New Britain, all of which I am happy to state are in a prosperous and flourishing condition; and most of the other Chapters in the State, which I have not had the pleasure to visit during the past year, I am happy to learn are in a healthy condition.

But, Companions, in our prosperity, in our rejoicings, it may be well for us to remember that the hour of prosperity is frequently the hour of danger. The fairest flower frequently produces the deadliest poison. Elated by success, we too often become careless and neglectful of the means by which success was acquired, and by which alone its continuance can be secured. To this source may be mainly attributed *most* of the adverse circumstances to which our institution has from time to time been subjected. The doors of our Lodges and Chapters have sometimes swung too easily upon their hinges. The Tyler has been too often found sleeping at his post. We are apt to forget, Companions, that the strength of every society, more especially this of ours, lies in the *character* and *intelligence*, not in the number of its members. Let this truth be inscribed in indellible characters over the High Priest's Sanctuary in every Chapter in our land, and all will be well.

There is another cause of detriment to our institution, to which it may not be out of place here to allude. It is the want of proper care in the selection of officers of our institution. On this point it will be sufficient to cite the rule as given in the earliest Constitution of the order. It is as follows: "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served. the brethren not put to shame, nor the craft despised—therefore no Master nor Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit."

At the General Grand Chapter, held at Boston in September last, many subjects of interest to Royal Arch Masons were disposed of; among them were the following:

"*Resolved*, That according to the usages of Masonry from time immemorial, on a question of order, no appeal can of right be taken from the decisions of the presiding officer in any Royal Arch Chapter to the body over which he presides.

"*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, all persons who have been expelled or suspended for unmasonic conduct by any regular Lodge or Grand Lodge of competent jurisdiction, from the rights and privileges of Masonry, should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Grand or subordinate Chapter. And it is the duty of all Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all Masonic communication with persons so expelled or suspended, until they shall be duly restored to their former rights and privileges."

There was also a committee appointed to inquire into and report upon

the expediency of the establishment of a Representative Fund for the payment of the necessary expenses of delegates attending the General Grand Chapter; and also to report permanent salaries and mileage to such General Grand Officers as should be entitled to the same. The committee attended to the duties of their appointment and made their report to the General Grand Chapter, which was favorable to a Representative Fund, and recommended that each and every State Grand Chapter, entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter, be assessed the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid to the General Grand Secretary on or before the first day of August, 1853, and that a like assessment be made at each and every meeting of the General Grand Chapter, whether triennial or special, of an assessment sufficient to defray the mileage and per diem of representatives; and that each representative from State Grand Chapters be allowed $1.50 per diem, and three cents per mile going and returning from said General Grand Chapter; and that each and every elected officer of the General Grand Chapter be allowed $2.00 per diem for his attendance, and five cents per mile going and returning from the same.

But before action was taken upon the report of the committee, a resolution was offered and adopted by the General Grand Chapter, which was as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the report of the committee on the creation of a Representative Fund and a fixed compensation to the General Grand Officers be postponed until the next triennial convocation of this General Grand Chapter, and that the State Grand Chapters be requested to express their opinions on this subject."

I would therefore recommend to this Grand Chapter to take the subject into consideration at our present meeting, and express their opinion in in relation to the same.

In conclusion, Companions, may the blessing of the Grand High Priest of our salvation be upon our deliberations. May His Spirit guard and watch over us for our good and His glory, until we shall all meet in the Sanctuary above, where the Supreme High Priest forever presides—forever reigns.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand High Priest.

Hartford, May 15th, 1851.

On motion of Companion Ellis, the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Companions Willey, Palmer and Fox.

On motion of Companion Clark, an invitation was extended to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, to visit the Grand Chapter at its present convocation.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the

Grand Treasurer and Secretary for the past year, report that they have examined said accounts and find them correct, and that there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of thirty dollars and eighty-three cents.

BENONI A. SHEPHERD, } Committee.
MASON GROSS, }

Hartford, May 15, 1851.

Companion Abell, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at the last session of this body, beg leave to report that there have been placed in their hands printed records of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the States of Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Vermont, Indiana, Missouri, Georgia, Maine, Wisconsin, New York and Florida, for 1850; New Hampshire, for 1849–50; Rhode Island, for 1847–50 inclusive, and Mississippi, for 1851. They have also received the proceedings of the G. G. Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for 1850, and the copy of an address delivered by M. E. Charles Scott, on the occasion of his installation as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Mississippi. We have examined these documents as thoroughly as the time we could command would allow, and are gratified to be able to say that they give a favorable representation of Masonic interest in the various sections of the country from which they come.

The papers seem very clearly to evince the fact that great, and, in the main, wise and efficient attention has been given to matters of local legislation. In relation also to the essential principles and practices of R. A. Masonry there is much uniformity of sentiment and action. It must, nevertheless, be regarded as a matter of regret that occasional topics arise, leading to variance of feeling and opinion, which are not so readily disposed of or adjusted as the lover of Masonic harmony and prosperity might desire.

We instance, as more prominent, perhaps, than any other subject, the conflicting views entertained respecting the location of the Royal and Select Masters degrees, and the jurisdiction to which they rightfully belong. This matter is discussed or referred to in nea ly every report which has come under the notice of your committee; and after all the research, perseverance, and pertinacity of opinion which characterize this controversy, it appears as little likely satisfactorily to settle the question as ever. This Grand Body has heretofore expressed its conviction on this point, and your committee discover no sufficient occasion for recommending the modification or reversal of its decision, coinciding, as we do, in the sentiments expressed by the G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, "that

we are to use and transmit to others Masonic knowledge in no other manner than that in which we receive it," and that "if the Royal Arch Chapters had not the jurisdiction of the Royal and Select degrees in the beginning, they cannot now get it by their own act."

By the report of the doings of the General Grand Chapter, at its triennial session, held in Boston in September last, we learn that that body revised and rendered complete, so far as was practicable under the circumstances, the Work and Lectures of R. Arch Masonry. It is earnestly hoped that this Grand Body will take efficient measures to secure to its subordinates the benefit of said supervision.

Your committee beg leave to say that the labor of examining these various reports has been somewhat brightened and relieved by noticing in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, the presentation of a silver cup to Mrs. Sarah Bolton, of Indianapolis, in complimentary return for an appropriate and beautiful Ode, written by her for use on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, at Indianapolis, in 1848. This ode richly merits preservation and circulation, and we respectfully recommend that it be published in connection with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

Although the Grand Chapter of Kentucky seems not seasonably to have received copies of our printed minutes,—and some of the other Grand Chapters appear to have suffered the same *calamity*,—we still reiterate our conviction of the beneficial effects of these fraternal interchanges of thought and opinion; and while we solicit their continuance, we will endeavor in future more promptly to reciprocate the courtesy.

Your committee beg leave to say, in conclusion, that even a cursory glance at the documents before us was sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Free Masonry, as yet, is by no means defunct. Notwithstanding the severity, the intensity, of the opposition with which it has met in former years; notwithstanding the Rip Van Winkle repose with which it has been oppressed in many parts of the country, it still survives, and is every where arising and disencumbering itself from its unnatural lethargy. The prophecies of its enemies have been signally falsified. Foes without and foes within have not been sufficiently numerous and powerful to destroy its hold upon the hearts and the hopes of men. It shall have its vicissitudes; it shall also have its successes and its triumphs. Truly the symbol, the "Great and the Good"—light amid the darkness of time—it shall perish only when the journeying of mortality shall be finished, and "there shall be no more night."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. P. Abell, } Committee.
David Clark, }

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers, Companions Barry and McLean being appointed tellers. Ballots were taken, and

the following Companions duly elected, and installed into their respective offices:

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
E. Cyrus Goodell, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. T. P. Abell, Grand King,
E. Edwin Hoyt, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
E. Henry J. Fox, Grand Chaplain,
E. Isaac H. Coe, Grand Marshal.

On motion it was

Voted, That the Grand Chapter adjourn till half past 2 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon, May 15.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment, at half-past 2 o'clock, and was called from refreshment to labor.

The committee on the Grand High Priest's Address presented the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the address of our M. E. Grand High Priest beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions relative to the information of the death of our late Excellent Companion, G. K., viz.:

Whereas, It having pleased the Great High Priest of the universe, in the exercise of His supreme wisdom, to remove from all earthly associations to the higher and nobler society of those who gather around the altar of the heavenly temple, our beloved Companion, E. Chauncey Burgess; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hold the memory of our deceased E. Companion in high esteem, and that we deeply deplore his removal from our fraternal circle, when in the exercise of the important functions of a high office in this Grand Chapter.

2. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of our deceased fellow counsellor in their irreparable loss, and commend them, with the most sincere and sorrowful emotions, to Him who can heal every wound and repair every breach.

3. *Resolved*, That as a token of our esteem for the many virtues of our deceased Companion, our Grand Secretary be requested to procure the engrossing of the foregoing preamble and the accompanying resolutions,

and that being signed by the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, they be transmitted to the family of our departed associate in labor and honor.

In relation to the subject of a Representative Fund, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does not deem it necessary or expedient to make any alteration in the present method of defraying the expenses of representation in the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. HOLLY,
HENRY J. FOX,
G. E. PALMER, } Committee.

On motion, it was voted to accept the report and adopt the resolutions.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments, viz.:

Companion GEORGE W. GODDARD, Grand Sentinel,
" EBENEZER ALLEN, } Grand Stewards,
" HOWARD B. ENSIGN, }
" ISAAC TUTTLE, Grand Tyler,
" WILLIAM STORER, } Com. on For. Correspondence,
" DAVID CLARK, }
" FRED. CROSWELL, } Auditing Committee.
" BENJ. BEECHER, Jr., }

The Grand Officers were then duly installed and invested with their appropriate jewels; when, no further business being offered, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

E. G. STORER, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, A. D. 1851.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Elizur Harrison, Ellery A. Arnold, George Lovis, James H. Woodhouse, Jonathan M. Andrus, Lewis A. Johnson, David T. Johnson, James Wedmore, Jr., Horace S. Lanfair, William Hartley, Willard Smith, Abra. C. Thompson, George H. Scranton, H. L. Scranton, Obed M. Ellis, Ruel P. Tuttle, James C. Blakeman, Horace

Tuttle, Joseph H. Rice, Joseph L. Deming, Allen Ostrander, Thomas Lawton, Howard B. Ensign.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—William H. Glover, Charles L. Danielson, M. Skonly, William W. Avery, Daniel Wright, Willard Moore.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—R H. Smith, R. J. Kimball, Francis Barry, James B. Lyman, Jr., Charles M. Daboll, George W. Goddard.

Rittenhouse Chapter, No. 11, Stamford—Charles H. Merrick, Nathaniel D. Haight, Roswell Hoyt, J. J. Twiss, Alexander Y. Sharp.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Killingly—Augustus Green, Isaac H. Coe, Thomas S. Aldrich, James S. Withey, Charles L. Fisk, John Atwood.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—Samuel Coop, Peter Norman, George S. Sanford, Richard McGregor, Jr.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Jacob Lithaner, J. Seymour Brown, Thomas H. Seymour, William Peets, Edmund B. Kellogg, Samuel F. Jones, Jr., Herman Terry, H. Tudor Brownell, Henry J. Fox, Samuel Colt, George A. Medcalf.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury—Rev. Seneca Howland, Edward Jeffrey, T. A. Peck, G. O. Hotchkiss, William Padley, Dyer Ames, Jr., Hiram Bates, W. H. Pritchard, William Porter, Thomas Hollister, S. Y. Ives.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—Thomas Benedict, 3d, William D. Camp, Abraham Camp, Alonzo W. Street.

Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain—Henry A. Hull, Wm. G. Coe, Oliver C. Stanley, Noah H. Byington, Augustus S. Jerome, Benjamin Wilcox, James G. Hooker, Richard S. Southworth, William Fowler, Henry Tolles, Gustavus West, Samuel J. Parker.

Admitted—By Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven, Charles S. Thomson, Samuel Wire; by Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield, John S. Seymour, Oliver Wolcott, William H. Crossman; by Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford, Alonzo N. Birge, Heman H. Barbour.

Suspended—By Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury—Edmund B. Gilbert.

Died—Joshua Sanford, of Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington.

THE ODE

composed by Mrs. Sarah T. Bolton, of Indianapolis, for the occasion of laying the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, in Indianapolis, on the 25th of October, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848, and sung by the brethren and a large concourse of citizens, to the tune of "Hail to the Chief."

Sons of a glorious order, anointed
To cherish for ages the ark of the Lord,
Wearing the mystical badges appointed,
Come to the temple with sweetest accord.
Come, lay the corner stone,
Asking the Lord to own
Labors that tend to his glory and praise;
Long may the mercy seat,
Where angel pinions meet,
Rest in the beautiful temple ye raise.

Brothers united, to you it is given,
To lighten the woes of a sin-blighted world,
Far o'er the earth, on the free winds of heaven,
Now let your banner of love be unfurled.
Write there the blessed three,
Faith, Hope, and Charity,
Names that shall live through the cycle of time;
Write then on every heart,
Make them your guide and chart,
Over life's sea to the haven sublime.

Go forth, befriending the way-weary stranger,
Bright'ning the pathway that sorrow hath cross'd,
Strength'ning the weak in the dark hour of danger,
Clothing the naked and seeking the lost.
Opening the prison door,
Feeding the starving poor,
Chiding the evil, approving the just,
Drying the widow's tears,
Soothing the orphan's fears,
Great is your mission, "in God is your trust."

Go, in the spirit of Him who is holy,
Gladden the wastes and the by-ways of earth,
Visit the homes of the wretched and lowly,
Bringing relief to the desolate hearth.
Bind up the broken heart,
Joy to the sad impart,
Stay the oppressor and strengthen the just,
Freely do ye receive,
Freely to others give,
Great is your mission, "in God is your trust."

Go forth with ardor and hope undimished,
Ever be zealous and faithful and true,
Still, till the labor appointed is finished,
Do with your might what your hands find to do.
Narrow the way, and strait,
Is heaven's guarded gate,
Leading the soul to the regions of love;
Then with the spotless throng,
Swelling the triumph song,
May you be found in the Grand Lodge above.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1852.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, Thursday, May 13, 1852, R. A. M. 2382.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
Cyrus Goodell, Deputy Grand H. Priest,
Edwin Hoyt, Grand Scribe,
Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
Isaac H. Coe, Grand Marshal,
Ebenezer Allen, } Grand Stewards,
Howard B. Ensign, }
Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers—William H. Ellis, Benoni A. Shepherd, William E. Sanford, Anson T. Colt, William H. Holly, Samuel Green, David Clark, Henry Peck, Charles H. Olmsted, Benjamin Beecher, Jr., Samuel Tripp, R. Fitzgerald, James H. Ashmead, Francois Turner, William Storer.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—Marcus Bassett. Charles Brown. Charles H. Skiff.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—John J. Cook. William L. Brewer. Charles Ball.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—Merrils Ward.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Isaac Treby.
Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Timothy Dimmock. Frederick P. Coe.

Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—Isaac Quintard, Jr.
Warren Chapter, Killingly,	No. 12—Isaac H. Coe.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Thomas Hutchins. Alexander Hamilton. E. F. Bishop.
Meridian Chapter, New Hartford,	No. 15—Hermon Chapin. Sanford Allen.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Frederick Buel. F. D. Beeman. William H. Crossman.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Cyrus Goodell.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—William Beers.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—William Hyde. George E. Palmer. J. M. Willey.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—James M. Granniss. Henry Chatfield. N. Dikeman, Jr.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Ira R. Wildman. Stephen A. Hurlbut.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—James Stevens. Henry W. Smith. John A. M'Lean.
Giddings Chapter, New Britain,	No. 25—Henry A. Hull. Local Dudley. William M. Fowler.
Pulaski Chapter, Fair Haven,	No. 26—E. G. Storer. Hosea N. Newton. Ralph Warren.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed a committee on credentials, who reported the above list of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Representatives of subordinate Chapters, as present and entitled to seats as members of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Companion Palmer, an invitation was extended to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing to visit the Grand Chapter at its present convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered to the Grand Chapter the following address:

Companions: We have again assembled in a Masonic character for the transaction of the duties devolving on the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Since our last annual convocation I have granted a Dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions residing at Fair Haven, to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in that flourishing village, by the name of Pulaski Chapter. No. 26, E. G. Storer, High Priest, H. N. Newton, King, Ralph Warren, Scribe; and I am gratified in being able to state that they are doing a safe and prosperous business, and their new workmen are presenting work for inspection far too valuable to be thrown over among the rubbish of the Temple.

We have now under our jurisdiction *eighteen* working Chapters, and what is most gratifying to every Royal Arch Mason, no jar, no discord, and no want of harmony exists within the veil of our sacred Tabernacle, all being in peace and harmony, and ready to present to the Master Overseer for his inspection such work as he is authorized to receive.

The prospect presented by the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, is full of hope and encouragement Reports come to us from the *North*, from the *South*, from the *East*, and from the *West*, that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering in every part of our Union, a more particular description of which will be laid before you by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It has been practiced to some extent in this State for three or more Past Masters to confer the degree of Past Master upon the Master elect of a Blue Lodge, without the sanction of any Royal Arch Chapter. I would therefore submit to this Grand Chapter, that the degree of Past Master being a constitutional deegree, whether any body of Masons attempting to confer it without the sanction of a Royal Arch Chapter, is not unconstitutional and illegal. The General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, article 2d, section 3d, reads thus: "The several State Grand Chapters shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons within their respective jurisdictions." And section 5th, of the same article, reads thus: "No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, or Mark Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons." Article 9th of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, reads thus: "Each Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall demand and receive for each exaltation at least twenty dollars, viz.: four dollars for each degree above the Master and below the Royal Arch, and eight dollars for the Royal Arch degree."

I would recommend that the annual meetings of the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be held on the last

week in April, that the High Priest elect of each subordinate Chapter may be fully qualified to govern his Chapter by taking the holy Order of High Priesthood at the Grand Council of High Priests holden on the second week in May, annually.

I would also call your attention to the subject of conferring the Chapter degrees upon a Master Mason who has but one arm, about which so much has been said during the last few years. This subject was brought before the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at their last triennial convocation, but was postponed until their next meeting, to be held at Lexington, Kentucky, on the second Tuesday in September, 1853. I know of no other business to which it is my duty to call your attention at this time.

Companions, I have had the honor to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter for the past two years, during which time I have been much with the subordinate Chapters, and assisted them in their labors, giving them such instructions in their work as in my judgment they required. In performing this part of my duty, Companions, I have enjoyed unspeakable pleasure.

But to follow in the footsteps of my "illustrious predecessors," custom requires that I should now retire from office, and from all the active duties of the same. In doing so, permit me, my Companions, to tender to you my grateful acknowledgements for your repeated confidence in placing me at the head of the Grand Chapter, and for the respect and attention you have ever shown me while discharging my official duties.

In selecting one of your number to fill this responsible office, it is all important that he should possess correct Masonic acquirements, that the subordinate Chapters may be benefitted by his counsel, advice and instructions.

In conclusion, Companions, permit me to offer my most ardent wishes for the prosperity of our beloved institution; and when our journey over the rough and rugged path of life is ended, may we all be admitted through the White Veil into the presence of the Great I AM, the Grand High Priest above.

GEORGE GIDDINGS,
G. H. P. Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

On motion of Companion Holly, the address of the Grand High Priest was referred, for apportionment, to a committee of three, consisting of Companions Clark, Palmer and Peck.

The M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest made a verbal report of his official acts during the past year, in the course of which he took occasion to pay a merited compliment to the M. E. G. H. P., for his zeal and perseverance in promoting the interests of the Grand Chapter, and diffusing a knowledge of the work and lectures among the subordinate Chapters and members of the order in this jurisdiction. He concluded his remarks

by expressing the hope that the present M. E. G. H. P. would be re-elected, notwithstanding the modest hint he had given the Grand Chapter that it was time for him to retire from office.

The Grand Secretary presented the dispensation and returns of Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, and asked, in behalf of the Companions of Fair Haven, that a charter be granted. Whereupon the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a charter for a Chapter be and hereby is granted to the Companions of Fair Haven, by the name of Pulaski Chapter, No. 26; and that the representatives of that Chapter be now permitted to take their seats as members of this Grand Chapter.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

The undersigned committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, have examined said accounts and find them correct, and that there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and twenty-cents, due the Grand Chapter.

FRED. CROSWELL,
B. BEECHER, Jr., } Committee.

New Haven, May 13, 1852.

Companion William Storer, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a lengthy report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Companion D. Clark, from the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address, presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. G. High Priest have examined the same, and would recommend that so much as relates to the conferring of the Past Master's degree be referred to a committee of three.

That so much as relates to the conferring of the Chapter degrees on a Master Mason who has lost an arm, be also referred to a committee of three.

On so much as relates to changing the time for holding the annual convocations of the subordinate Chapters, your committee would recommend that no action be taken upon this subject at present, as it would probably be inconvenient for many of the Chapters to make a change from the time already established by them.

D. CLARK,
GEORGE E. PALMER,
HENRY PECK, } Committee.

Companions William Storer, D. Clark and F. Turner were appointed a committee on so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to conferring the degree of Past Master.

Companions Holly, M'Lean and Dimmock were appointed a committee on so much as relates to receiving a candidate with one arm.

Companion Ashmead submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the several High Priests of the subordinate Chapters be a committee to take into consideration the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P., that the subordinate Chapters hold their annual convocations in the month of April, and report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Companion Coe presented a memorial from Trinity Chapter, No. 9, asking leave to remove their location from Windham, and to hold their convocations at Willimantic. Whereupon it was, on motion, voted that leave be granted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. Companions W. E. Sanford and D. Clark were appointed tellers; when ballots were taken and the following Companions declared duly elected, viz.:

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
" Cyrus Goodell, Deputy Grand High Priest,
" Edwin Hoyt, Grand King,
" Isaac H. Coe, Grand Scribe,
" Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
" Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
" Rev. Henry J. Fox, Grand Chaplain,
" David Clark, Grand Marshal.

The resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up for consideration, and after a short discussion laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

Companion Isaac H. Coe offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have done honor to the Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw from the Treasury fifteen dollars and pay it over to the chairman of that committee as a compensation for his arduous labors.

Companion H. Peck submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be directed to print their report prior to the Grand Convocation, and to for-

ward a copy of the same to each of the officers of the Grand Chapter and each of the subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, one month before the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and that the reading of the same in open Chapter be dispensed with.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Grand Chapter do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 14.

The Grand Chapter convened at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The resolution of the Committee on Foreign Corrrespondence was taken from the table, and after further discussion the question was taken on its adoption, and decided in the negative.

The following preamble and resolution, proposed by Companion William Storer, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, this Grand Chapter has, on a former occasion, declared the opinion that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are now in their proper position in this State,—being under the jurisdiction of regular Grand and subordinate Councils; therefore,

Resolved, That it is not necessary or expedient for this Grand Chapter to take any further action in relation to said degrees.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Companion H. Peck, were adopted:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter a more general distribution of the proceedings among the members of the institution, as a means of furnishing valuable information, is of the first importance; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to ascertain the number of copies required by each subordinate Chapter, and to supply such Chapters with said proceedings at the actual cost.

Companion Holly, from the committee on admitting candidates with one arm, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of our M. E. Grand High Priest as relates to the admission of members disabled in a hand or arm, would respectfully report that from the limited time they had to devote to the subject they can find no good reason for withholding the Chapter degrees from a worthy brother of a Master Mason's

Lodge simply because, in the providence of the Grand High Priest of the Universe, he has been deprived of a hand or an arm, or any other limb, not affecting his internal qualifications; it being the *internal* and not the external qualifications that should recommend a candidate to our favor; and our institution, professing and in reality being speculative rather than operative Masonry, our external members are not essentially necessary to bring up work for the inspection of the Grand Master Overseer, in that spiritual Temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens. We therefore recommed that this subject be left to the judicious discretion of the subordinate Chapters.

WILLIAM H. HOLLY,
J. A. M'LEAN, } Committee.
T. DIMMOCK,

On motion of M. E. Companion Ellis, it was

Ordered, That Mill river, in the town of New Haven, be established as the permanent line of jurisdiction between Franklin Chapter, No. 2, of the city of New Haven, and Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, recently established in the village of Fair Haven.

The committee on the Past Master's degree made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest which alludes to the conferring of the degree of Past Master upon the Master elect of a Blue Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report, that in their opinion no action on the part of this Grand Chapter is expedient.

WILLIAM STORER,
DAVID CLARK, } Committee.
F. TURNER,

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following appointments:

Companion SAMUEL TRIPP, Grand Sentinel,
" HENRY C. DEMING, } Grand Stewards,
" HENRY A. HULL,
" ELIZUR SKINNER, Grand Tyler,
" WILLIAM STORER, } Com. on Foreign Correspondence,
" DAVID CLARK,
" FRED. CROSWELL, } Auditing Committee.
" JAMES H. ASHMEAD,

The officers of the Grand Chapter were then duly installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter, May, 1852.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—Franklin Norton, Edwin Barnes, John R. Street, William W. King, Paul Leroux, W. S. Howarth, G. B. Simonds, James H. Leforge, George Lindley, N. D. Sperry, Edward I. Sanford, Lucius G. Peck, Marcus Lyon.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—John B. Shaw, William B. Pettit, F. W. Rogers, Ellison Cooper, U. S. Gardner, John W. Stedman, William H. Hyde, Henry Bill.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Charles Whittlesey, Samuel N. Hall, George W. Leonard.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Orrin F. Smith, Allen D. Smith, William Babcock, John A. Perkins, James M. Baker, Aaron E. Stone, Gilbert J. Hickox, Nathaniel H. Niles.

Trinity Chapter, No. 9, Windham—William Hebbard, Henry Feldman, Samuel B. Stanton, F. P. Coe, Robert K. Brush, Charles Billings, Lewis Feldman, Henry M. Booth.

Warren Chapter, No. 12, Killingly—H. M. Hopkins, David C. Hewsen, O. O. Jacobs.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—David Trubee, Samuel Jones, Peter Groundeson, David L. Mills, Jr., William H. Mills, Samuel B. Ferguson, Jr., Franklin Hitchcock, Seymour Whiting, J. E. Dunham, Levi Stillman, William Strain, James L. Gould, James Green, J. H. Morris, William Pinkerman.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—Sylvester Peck, Elisha T. Smith, George King, E. T. Lobdell, Henry C. Trumbull, Henry C. Deming.

Benevolence Chapter, No. 21, Stonington—Charles H. Mallory, A. G. Stark, Nathan S. Fish, B. F. Hancox, Jr., John C. Hays, P. M. Randall, Franklin A. Palmer.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury—Nathan Dikeman, Jr., Harris B. Munson, Robert H. Isbell, John W. Webster, Philander Hine, David B. Hurd.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—William F. Lacy, Angel Bergo, Chauncey Haynes, Jarvis Polly.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—James Larmer, William W. Storrey, Daniel W. Tucker, Samuel Lynes, Thomas Warner, Jr., A. J. Hubbard.

Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, Fair Haven—Volney Pierce, Thomas Grannis, Jr., Henry B. Day, Richard Wilson, Lucius Blakslee.

Suspended—By Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven, George Shumway; by Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury, Edmund B. Gilbert, Hiram W. Bates.

Admitted—By Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury, Daniel Odell, Preston Durant.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

MAY, A. D. 1853.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Hartford, on Thursday, May 12, 1853, R. A. M. 2383, the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. George Giddings, Grand High Priest,
E. Cyrus Goodell, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. Edwin Hoyt, Grand King,
E. Isaac H. Coe, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
E. David Clark, Grand Marshal,
E. Samuel Tripp, Grand Sentinel,
E. Henry C. Deming, Grand Steward,
E. Elizur Skinner, Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Ingoldsby W. Crawford, William H. Ellis, Benoni A. Shepherd, Theodore Spencer, William H. Holly, Charles H. Olmstead, William Storer, James H. Ashmead, Fred. Croswell, F. Turner, Benj. Beecher, Jr., R. Fitzgerald, Ebenzer Allen.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Franklin Chapter, New Haven,	No. 2—James L. Clark.
Franklin Chapter, Norwich,	No. 4—William H. Copp. William L. Brewer.
Washington Chapter, Middletown,	No. 6—William Lewis. Merrils Ward. S. Nelson Hall.
Union Chapter, New London,	No. 7—Not represented.

Trinity Chapter, Windham,	No. 9—Not represented.
Rittenhouse Chapter, Stamford,	No. 11—John W. Leeds. Isaac Quintard, Jr.
Warren Chapter, Killingly,	No. 12—O. P. Jacobs.
Jerusalem Chapter, Bridgeport,	No. 13—Alexander Hamilton. J. E. Dunham.
Meridian Chapter, New Hartford,	No. 15—Hermon Chapin.
Darius Chapter, Litchfield,	No. 16—Frederick Buel. Samuel G. Braman. Frederick D. Beeman.
Pythagoras Chapter, Hartford,	No. 17—Allyn Goodwin. David Clark. Chester Hebard.
Jerusalem Chapter, Ridgefield,	No. 19—Hiram K. Scott.
Benevolence Chapter, Stonington,	No. 21—Jonathan Pendleton. William Hyde. George E. Palmer.
Eureka Chapter, Waterbury,	No. 22—David B. Hurd. Nathan Dikeman, Jr. J. M. Andruss.
Eureka Chapter, Danbury,	No. 23—Stephen A. Hurlbut.
Washington Chapter, Norwalk,	No. 24—George F. Daskam. Samuel Lynes. John A. M'Lean.
Giddings Chapter, New Britain,	No. 25—Loyal Dudley. Noah H. Byington. William M. Fowler.
Pulaski Chapter, Fair Haven,	No. 26.—Ralph Warren. Horace Tuttle. William N. Gesner.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions E. G. Storer and George F. Daskam a committee on credentials. The committee having attended to the duty assigned to them, reported the foregoing list of officers, past officers and representatives as present, and entitled to membership in the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Companion Palmer, an invitation was given to all Royal

Arch Masons in good standing to visit the Grand Chapter during the present convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then delivered the following address:

Companions: We have again assembled, as Royal Arch Masons, for the transaction of the duties devolving upon the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Sometime in February last, a petition was presented to me, signed by a requisite number of Companions, residing in Meriden and adjoining towns, asking for a new Chapter to be located in the town of Meriden, which petition was recommended by Washington Chapter, No. 6, at Middletown. After advising with the Grand Secretary and other officers and members of the Grand Chapter, I granted them a dispensation, by the name of Key-Stone Chapter, No. 27. I have visited this new Chapter several times, and assisted them in conferring the honors of Royal Arch Masonry on several candidates; and if the character of the men on whom the honors have been bestowed is any guarantee of success, we may reasonably expect that Key-Stone Chapter is destined to take a high stand among the Chapters in our jurisdiction. Their dispensation will be returned at this convocation and a charter asked for, the granting of which is cordially recommended.

I have also, at a request of a number of the members of the late Solomon's Chapter, No. 3, in Derby, granted a dispensation for the renewal of Royal Arch Masonry in that town and vicinity. They have commenced labor in that ancient Chapter with encouraging prospects of success, and I doubt not that the Grand Chapter will cheerfully respond to their request for the restoration of their charter.

I have likewise visited several other Chapters, in different parts of the State, during the past year, though not as many as I should have done, but for a protracted illness of several months, which incapacitated me for business of any kind. The visits that I have made, however, together with reliable information from various quarters, enables me to state, which I do with much pleasure, that the past has been a year of unusual prosperity within the Royal Arch jurisdiction of this State. A measure of success has attended the labors of our Companions, which calls for our most devout gratitude to Him who sitteth between the cherubim, and in whose strength alone we can hope to succeed in any great and important undertaking.

In a few remarks submitted to the Grand Chapter at its last annual convocation, I took occasion to call your attention to what I deemed an inconsistency in practice with reference to the Past Master's degree. I regret to learn from the proceedings of some of our sister Grand Chapters, that my views on this subject have been misunderstood. My sole object in alluding to this degree on that occasion was to point out the inconsistency of holding it as a constitutional Chapter degree, and at the same

time conferring it on Masters elect of symbolic Lodges, without any authority from a Chapter. I did not presume to claim that the degree properly belonged to Chapters only, and that it ought not to be conferred on Masters of Lodges: on the contrary, I fully concur in the views presented by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report to our last annual convocation, and earnestly desire to see the Past Master's degree placed under a jurisdiction where it may be used in accordance with its original design, without any violation of duty or allegiance to Royal Arch authority. As this subject has been more fully discussed in the report on Foreign Correspondence, I do not deem it necessary to extend these remarks. I will only add that this matter seems to me of sufficient importance to receive the careful consideration of the Grand Chapter.

In conclusion, Companions, may the blessing of the Grand High Priest of our Salvation be upon our deliberations! May His Spirit guard and watch over us for our good and His glory, until we shall all meet in the sanctuary above, where the Supreme Grand High Priest forever presides, forever reigns!

GEORGE GIDDINGS, G. H. P.

On motion of Companion Clark, it was

Voted, That the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair.

Companion William Storer, chairman of the Standing Committe on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that committee, which had been printed and distributed among the members, in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the report be referred to a committee of three members, to be appointed by the chair.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Charters—Companions William Storer and Ebenezer Allen.

On Grievances—Companions John A. M'Lean and S. N. Hall.

On Delinquent Chapters—Companions William H. Ellis and William H. Copp.

On Unfinished Business—Companions I. W. Crawford and F. Croswell.

On Grand High Priest's Address—Companions George E. Palmer, Fred. Buel and J. H. Ashmead.

On the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Companions H. C. Deming, C. O. Belden and Allyn Goodwin.

The petition of Companions Robert Gates, Thomas S. Shelton, Samuel French, Bennet Lum and others, for the renewal of the charter of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, in Derby, was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Charters.

A petition was received from Companions Noah H. Byington, George B. Conklin, Humphrey Lyon, Philo Hall and others, praying for a charter for a Chapter in the town of Meriden, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Charters.

The Grand Secretary reported that two documents had been received from Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain, both purporting to be correct returns of the officers, &c., of said Chapter, and that two sets of representatives claimed seats in the Grand Chapter, under those returns.

On motion, it was voted that a Committee on Contested Elections be appointed by the chair, to whom the antagonistic returns from Giddings Chapter, No. 25, should be referred. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions John A. M'Lean and S. Nelson Hall on said committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was accepted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

The undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the past year, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find that all the monies received by the Grand Secretary have been by him paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and that the accounts are correct. We also find that there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, due the Grand Chapter, the sum of one hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-four cents.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. CROSSWELL, } Auditors.
JAMES H. ASHMEAD, }

The committee on the M. E. Grand High Priest's address submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut:

Your committee, having briefly examined the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, would report that in their opinion the subject of the

charters therein alluded to, and also that of the Past Master's degree, demand the consideration of the Grand Chapter. The former having been referred to an appropriate committee, the latter only remains to be noticed by this committee.

In regard to the Past Master's degree, your committee agree with the M. E. Grand High Priest, that there is an inconsistency in claiming it as a constitutional degree in the Chapter, and at the same time using it in the blue or symbolic Lodges. It is the opinion of your committee that the degree appropriately belongs to any Master Mason elected to preside over a Lodge; they therefore recommend that our delegates to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to endeavor to have the Past Master's degree placed where it appropriately belongs, or to have this somewhat vexed question definitely settled in such way as the General Grand Chapter, in their wisdom, shall judge best for the harmony and good government of the Craft.

Your committee cannot close this report without cordially recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to the M. E. Grand High Priest for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of his office; and our earnest prayers are offered to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that he may long enjoy the happiness and prosperity to which his virtues entitle him.

George E. Palmer,
Frederick Buel,
J. H. Ashmead,
} Committee.

The Committee on Contested Elections, to whom was referred the returns of Giddings Chapter, No. 25, reported,

That from an examination of the facts submitted to them, the committee are unanimously of the opinion that Companions Loyal Dudley, N. H. Byington and William M. Fowler are the legal representatives of Giddings Chapter, No. 25, in this Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted.

Companion D. Clark offered the following resolution, which was postponed to the next annual convocation:

Resolved, That the 4th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter be so amended that the annual convocations shall hereafter be held on the third Wednesday of December.

Companion S. N. Hall offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the several subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction

be and are hereby required to present a copy of their By-Laws, for approval, to the Grand Chapter, at the next annual convocation; and that all Chapters hereafter created shall present their By-Laws to the Grand Chapter at the next convocation thereafter.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report, recommending that said report be accepted, and that the resolutions embraced therein be adopted.

The report was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year. Companions F. Crosswell and F. D. Beeman were appointed tellers. After balloting, the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz.:

M. E. Cyrus Goodell, Grand High Priest,
E. Edwin Hoyt, Deputy Grand High Priest,
E. Isaac H. Coe, Grand King,
E. David Clark, Grand Scribe,
E. Horace Goodwin, Grand Treasurer,
E. Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary,
E. Samuel Tripp, Grand Marshal,
Rev. O. H. Tillotson, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Officers elected were then duly installed by P. G. H. P. Geo. Giddings; after which the M. E. Grand High Priest made the following appointments:

Companion William H. Copp, Grand Sentinel,
" George Lindley, } Grand Stewards,
" C. O. Belden, }
" Isaac Tuttle, Grand Tyler.

Companion W. H. Copp offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be and is hereby authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for fifteen dollars, in favor of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as a compensation for his services.

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the petition for a new Chapter in Meriden, and the petition for the renewal of the charter of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, in Derby, reported in favor of granting the prayer of each of said petitions; which report was accepted, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That a charter be issued to the petitioners for a Chapter in

Meriden, under the name of Key-Stone Chapter, No. 27, and that the representatives from said Chapter be received as members of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the charter of Solomon Chapter, No. 3, in Derby, be and hereby is restored.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions F. Croswell and J. H. Ashmead Auditing Committee, and Companions William Storer and F. Buel Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

EXALTATIONS,

Reported to Grand Chapter May, 1853.

Franklin Chapter, No. 2, New Haven—L. C. Chaplin, Josiah Hunt, Andrew Baird, Thomas Lombard, George B. Bouton, Hebron Douglass, Horace Bowman, Jr., John B. Hotchkiss, Wm. R. Kinley.

Franklin Chapter, No. 4, Norwich—John P. Wade, Albert J. Patridge, Rufus M. Dimock, James Bussey, Jr., George A. Leland.

Washington Chapter, No. 6, Middletown—Wm. B. Casey, D. J. Neale, George Stancliff, J. E. Bidwell, William Lewis, Charles Stevens, Alfred Hall, William Cooley, Jr., Woodward Dean.

Union Chapter, No. 7, New London—Seth Smith, Courtland I. Shepard, Josephus R. Merriam, John F. Rogers, A. O. Gallup.

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, Bridgeport—William Boston, Sylvester H. Gray, Cyrus W. Burton, Robert H. Mills, Richard E. Stanton, David W. Clark, John R. Vanblarcum, Peter Beck, D. Porter Wooster, Wm. Brooks, Greene B. Johnson.

Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield—David E. Bostwick, Charles O. Belden, Alfred H. Beers, David C. Buckley, Charles L. Perkins.

Pythagoras Chapter, No. 17, Hartford—A. G. West, George F. Wright, Abraham Rose, Francis J. Shuck, William Harris, James B. Shultas, James B. Crosby, Charles Reed, Calvin Northrop, Samuel B. Beresford, Lorenzo Church, William Woodward.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Waterbury—Timothy Langdon, Frederick A. Warner, Lelsone L. Wooster, Richard Hunting, E. L. Savage, Stephen W. Kellogg.

Eureka Chapter, No. 23, Danbury—Rev. S. C. Bulkley, David B. Booth, Charles White.

Washington Chapter, No. 24, Norwalk—John D. Williamson, George P. Sanborn, Thomas B. Butler, George A. Bissell, Augustus Sammis, Edward C. Bissell, David W. Marvin, John Feltham, John Baker, Frederick St. John Lockwood, Henry C. Randall, Peter L. Cunningham, Cholwell J. Gruman, Samuel E. Olmsted, William R. Nash, Oristus P. Quintard, Elbert Curtis, Stephen H. Smith, William D. Haight.

Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain—Francis Chambers, Marcellus Clark, Oswin Stanley, Henry W. Flagg, Samuel W. Squires, Albert H. Crosby, John W. Humphrey, John Hamilton.

Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, Fair Haven—John Hardy, Oliver W. Miller.

ADMITTED—By Giddings Chapter, No. 25, New Britain, J. G. Wilson.

DIED—Edward C. Buel, of Darius Chapter, No. 16, Litchfield.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

Whereas, sundry persons in this State, who are called Royal Arch Masons, have formed themselves into an association, or society, called and known by the name of the "Grand Chapter of the State of Connecticut," and have acquired a considerable amount of funds, for charitable and benevolent purposes, but have found it inconvenient and unsafe to hold or dispose of those funds without corporate powers:

Resolved by this Assembly, That John R. Watrous, Laban Smith, Thomas Hubbard, William H. Jones, and such other persons as now are or hereafter shall become members of said Association, or Grand Chapter, be and they hereby are made and constituted a corporation or body politic by the name of the "GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT," and by that name may have perpetual succession, and shall be capable in law of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatever, and may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure; and may hold, use, manage, and convey property, real, personal, or mixed, to an amount that shall produce an annual income not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Resolved further, That said corporation may, from time to time, elect such officers as they shall judge expedient; make such by-laws as they shall deem necessary and proper to regulate their concerns, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States; and may admit members of their body in the manner and on the terms which they shall judge most conducive to the welfare of the corporation, and may prescribe the manner of calling and the times and places of holding their meetings, except the first meeting to organize said corporation, which shall be held at the Tontine Coffee House, in the city of New Haven, on the second Thursday after the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1828.

Resolved further, That this act may be altered or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

A true copy of record, examined and certified by

THOMAS DAY, Secretary of State.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

Year of Election.	Grand High Priest.	Deputy G. H. Priest.	Grand King.	Grand Scribe.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.
1798,	Stephen T. Hosmer,		Eben Huntington,	Peter Johnson,	John Mix,	Nathan Preston,
1799,	Stephen T. Hosmer,		David Baldwin,	Samuel Bellamy,	John Mix,	Nathan Preston,
1800,						
1801,						
1802,						
1803,						
1804,	Samuel Bellamy,		John Mix,	John R. Watrous,		Francis French,
1805,	Samuel Bellamy,		John Mix,	John R. Watrous,		Francis French,
1806,	John Mix,		John R. Watrous,	Francis French,		Samuel C. Blackman,
1807,	John Mix,	John R. Watrous,	Francis French,	David Baldwin,	Henry Champion,	Samuel C. Blackman,
1808,	John R. Watrous,	Francis French,	David Baldwin,	Andrew L. Hill,	Henry Champion,	Samuel C. Blackman,
1809,	John R. Watrous,	David Baldwin,	Andrew L. Hill,	Samuel C. Blackman,	Henry Champion,	
1810,	John R. Watrous,		Andrew L. Hill,	Samuel C. Blackman,	Henry Champion,	Alexander Collins,
1811,	John R. Watrous,	Andrew L. Hill,		Samuel C. Blackman,	Henry Champion,	Alexander Collins,
1812,	John R. Watrous,	Samuel C. Blackman,	Alexander Collins,	John M. Gannett,	Henry Champion,	Levi H. Clarke,
1813,	John R. Watrous,	Samuel C. Blackman,	Alexander Collins,	John M. Gannett,	Henry Champion,	Levi H. Clarke,
1814,	John R. Watrous,	Alexander Collins,	John M. Gannett,	Levi H. Clarke,	Henry Champion,	Chauncey Whittelsey,
1815,	John R. Watrous,	Alexander Collins,	John M. Gannett,	John H. Lynde,	Henry Champion,	Levi H. Clarke,
1816,	John R. Watrous,	John M. Gannett,	John H. Lynde,	Laban Smith,	Henry Champion,	Levi H. Clarke,
1817,	John M. Gannett,	John H. Lynde,	Laban Smith,	James Ward,	Henry Champion,	Levi H. Clarke,

1818,	Lyman Law,	Laban Smith,	David Demming,	Thomas A. Cushing,	Henry Champion,	Horatio G. Hale,
1819,	Lyman Law,	Laban Smith,	David Demming,	Thomas H. Cushing,	Henry Champion,	Horatio G. Hale,
1820,	Lyman Law,	Laban Smith,	David Demming,	Thomas H. Cushing,	Henry Champion,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,
1821,	Lyman Law,	Laban Smith,	Thomas H. Cushing,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,	Henry Champion,	John Mix,
1822,	Lyman Law,	Laban Smith,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,	Thomas Hubbard,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1823,	Laban Smith,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,	Thomas Hubbard,	William H. Jones,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1824,	Laban Smith,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,	Thomas Hubbard,	William H. Jones,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1825,	Elizur Goodrich, Jr.,	Thomas Hubbard,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1826,	Thomas Hubbard,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1827,	Thomas Hubbard,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1828,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1829,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1830,	William H. Jones,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Frederick Lee,	John Mix,
1831,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Amherst D. Scovill,	Laban Smith,	John Mix,
1832,	Andrew Harris,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Amherst D. Scovill,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1833,	Asa Child,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Amherst D. Scovill,	Leonard Hendee,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1834,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Leonard Hendee,	William H. Ellis,	William H. Holly,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1835,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	Leonard Hendee,	William H. Ellis,	William H. Holly,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1836,	Ingoldsby W. Crawford	William H. Ellis,	William H. Holly,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1837,	William H. Ellis,	William H. Holly,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Phineas Lord,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1838,	William H. Ellis,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Phineas Lord,	Anson T. Colt,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer.
1839,	William H. Ellis,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Phineas Lord,	Anson T. Colt,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1840,	William H. Ellis,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Lucius Tyler,	Benoni A. Shepard,	Laban Smith,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1841,	William H. Ellis,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Lucius Tyler,	Benoni A. Shepard,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1842,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Lucius Tyler,	Benoni A. Shepard,	Nahum Flagg,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1843,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Lucius Tyler,	Benoni A. Shepard,	William E. Sanford,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1844,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Lucius Tyler,	Benoni A. Shepard,	William E. Sanford,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1845,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Benoni A. Shepard,	William E. Sanford,	George Giddings,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1846,	Benoni A. Shepard,	William E. Sanford,	George Giddings,	Theodore Spencer, Jr.,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1847,	Benoni A. Shepard,	William E. Sanford,	George Giddings,	Theodore Spencer,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1848,	William E. Sanford,	George Giddings,	Theodore Spencer,	Chauncey Burgess,	Benjamin Beecher,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1849,	William E. Sanford,	George Giddings,	Theodore Spencer,	Chauncey Burgess,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1850,	George Giddings,	Theodore Spencer,	Chauncey Burgess,	Cyrus Goodell,	Horace Goodwin, 2d,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1851,	George Giddings,	Cyrus Goodell,	T. P. Abell,	Edwin Hoyt,	Horace Goodwin,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1852,	George Giddings,	Cyrus Goodell,	Edwin Hoyt,	Isaac H. Coe,	Horace Goodwin,	Eliphalet G. Storer,
1853,	Cyrus Goodell.	Edwin Hoyt.	Isaac H. Coe.	David Clark.	Horace Goodwin.	Eliphalet G. Storer.